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
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## Allegheny College

Colleges, like people, gain distinction through certain dominant qualities inalienably their own. "Old Alleghen" would be unknown to fame if a five hundred acre campus and a million dollar endowment were requisites of greatness. But because every individual in the universe has the right to be judged by his own ideals she lifts her head proudly among her green hills and even looks down a little patronizingly upon some "upstart" sisters of far greater wealth and elegance, who in return doubtless level an inquiring eyeglass upon her and wonder at the complacency of that little old college.

The justice of such an appellation, however, as implying the least demerit, every loyal Alleghenian (and there are no disloyal ones) would vigorously dispute. Her limited attendance—never reaching three hundred in the college proper—has made possible some of the happiest phases of her influence: the frank bonhomie between students and faculty which to self-respecting young people is an inspiration in itself, and the sense of personal interest and responsibility among undergraduates and alumni in all that makes for the welfare of the college. Her indisputable vantage of years over all but two or three similar institutions west of the Alleghany mountains is to her adherents, moreover, a most unctuous circumstance. A score of years ago she was in dignified and stable maturity; forty-four years ago William McKinley selected her as his future Alma Mater; fifty, seventy-five years ago she held commencement and graduated her classes with all the





Wilcox Hall of Science—Allegheny College

fervid joyance of to-day, and in twelve years more an army of devoted pilgrims from posts of honor and usefulness in this and many lands — law-makers, heads of state, distinguished churchmen, forceful educators, and world-known *litterateurs*, with a valiant rank and file who have bravely done duty in humbler fields, will flock back, in spirit or the flesh, to celebrate her centenary.

But the longevity of a fossil is one thing, that of a growing tree quite another; and it is Allegheny's honorable boast that at no period in her history has she been more healthfully alive and upward-reaching than at the present time. Of the long line of presidents who look out of antique frames upon her chapel walls each had his following of admiring and appreciative classmen; none more than the finished scholar, graceful author, and true nobleman, David Hilton Wheeler, whose recent death is so widely mourned. But whoever in future may stand at Allegheny's helm, and however successfully he may pilot her, there always will be a profound debt of gratitude due to the able young "prexy" who ten years ago, even from his inaugural day, committed himself to a policy of progression, and has since pressed forward dauntlessly, unswervingly, insistently, like a very Childe Roland on his quest, till improvements have grown apace and last year the high tide of achievement was reached in the gift within a twelve-month of more than \$300,000 for buildings and equipment. And there is revealing significance, to the credit of President Crawford and the college laity, in the fact that this benefaction came not from the hand of one worthy philanthropist — for Allegheny numbers no multi-millionaries among her patrons (through no high-minded prejudice of her own, be it confessed); but the largest quota, a fifth of the whole, was the thank-offering of a staunch alumnus of thirty-five years aback and a considerable part was made up of five and ten dollar contributions from hard-working men and women who love Allegheny for what she has done for them and others.





Bentley Hall—Allegheny College

On the sixteen acres of smooth, rolling campus, blending nature and art in picturesque simplicity, there are now eight buildings, commodious and well-appointed. The gray stone chapel, with its "storied windows, richly dight," its triumph of Gothic-Romanesque architecture, and its paragon of pipe organs; the stately library, ornate yet refined in construction; the observatory, gleaming afar; the gymnasium, Science Hall, Bentley, and Hulings — each has its peculiar beauties and excellences. And, while none can gainsay its square red brick homeliness, there is in many a student breast an unconfessed tenderness for antiquated Ruter, now relegated to the uses of the Preparatory School but once an essential bulwark of the college, and still bearing on its portal spicy legends of sophomoric levity, their runic lines forever gloriously undimmed by time and the pious paint-brush, and about its halls and stairway inefaceable dints and cracks which, to the imaginative mind, tell of battles royal in the jocund days when censorship anent class fights was as yet unawakened.

The Allegheny undergrad of today is debarred the cheerful privilege of pummeling his natural enemy beyond a reasonable degree even for such heinous offenses as carrying a cane or disporting a flag of the wrong color; but he has compensation in the gym and football field which happily saves him from physical degeneracy. In common with many other colleges Allegheny has gone genially daft of late years over the nimble game of basket ball, and no Olympian heroes, bay-crowned, were ever more exultantly acclaimed than are our boys for their frequent and brilliant victories (Zeus be praised!) over rival teams.

If throwing goals at basket ball is perhaps the most spectacular ascent to fame at Allegheny just now, there are equally sure passports involving fewer cut classes and broken shins. The college paper and magazine, weekly and monthly, the annual "Kaldron" — a seething concoction warranted to aid digestion,—and our latest literary fondling, a book of Allegheny stories which compare creditably





The Gymnasium—Allegheny College

with those of Harvard and Vassar, our critics say (and really, on the whole, suit us a great deal better), — all these afford a certain lofty prestige to those who are bold enough to occupy the Siege Perilous of public service. Then there are literary societies — a sedate but helpful trio; a Quill Club, using feathers which Pegasus is said to have worn; a Classical Club, supposed to converse entirely in dead languages, and our truly irresistible Mandolin and Glee Clubs — each and all of which enable one to shine with a bright particular radiance; while to be a winner of one of the oration prizes or of an intercollegiate contest is indeed to have sipped from immortality's beaker!

There is still another way of gaining favor with Allegheny's guardian dæmon, and that is by being a girl. If you chance to belong to the gentle sex — and a third of the college population do chance to be so dowered by fate — you have a very liberal allowance of life's milk and honey poured upon your trencher. There are tales current of universities where the timid co-ed is a scorned and untoasted being; where the college gallants affront her by offering their homage and theater tickets to maids indigenous to the city. But that stigma has never sullied Allegheny's escutcheon, say the traditions of twenty years, and certainly at the present day a knight of the blue and gold asks no higher bliss of the passing moment than to stroll down Lovers' Lane in twosome converse with his special predilection among the lassies of Hulings Hall.

For the Allegheny woman, whether domiciled at Hulings or known as a "down-town girl," there are many mild distractions in the way of "spreads," receptions, trolley-parties, recitals, and class functions to beguile her from chasing too rigorously the Phi Beta Kappa sprite. If she be a fraternity member her duties and obligations are multiplied and she is inclined to take herself somewhat seriously, as a very root-factor in college affairs. But if the Kappa Kappa Gammas and Kappa Alpha Thetas, each with two pretty rooms in the dormitory, and the Alpha





The Ravine—Allegheny College Campus

Chi Omegas and Kappa Delta Epsilons, of the affiliated College of Music, sometimes bustle about with rather a fearsome mien of mystery and importance, there is nobody really hurt by it, for all Alleghenians belong by close descent to the family of Wouldbegoods, in their heart of hearts detesting snobbery, and who runs may read their wholesome creed that a Greek badge neither makes nor mars its wearer. Nevertheless the fraternity relationship does in large measure regulate the flow of sociability at Allegheny. The five men's societies, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, all occupying chapter houses, are resourceful entertainers, and there is a cordial interchange of hospitality between them and the sororities.

The great annual fete of jollification is the Washington's Birthday banquet, where wit and mirth run riot and the most callow freshman is as much entitled to voice his first elemental yell as the sagest alumnus to squelch him with a counter-check. This year a vein of regret ran through the evening that President Crawford and his family were still abroad; but the student body seemed to see the tempering hand of providence in the opportunity given them three weeks later of yelling themselves into husky satiety in celebrating the party's return.

The president's final "at home" is the most ceremonious festivity of the year, and though there is the inevitable crush and conventionality of a large and sumptuous *soiree* the occasion is far removed from boredom by the personal charm and tact of the beautiful hostess.

Aforetime there was a gay, worldly commencement hop, foisted by the unregenerate upon the staid respectability of graduation week, and for it many a butterfly maid rallied her near-spent energies. But its ghostly relic which still comes back at the stated time is clearly understood to be under a ban of churchly disapproval, and the Hulings maid who asserts her freedom from restraint because the college calendar is ended, and slips away in her finery to

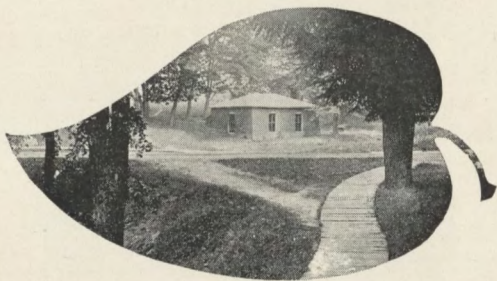


taste its giddy joys, carries with her the doubtfully exhilarating feeling that she is committing a slight *faux pas*.

This sentiment against dancing, except by the young women among themselves, is about the only obtrusive fact which exists to bear evidence that the institution is under Methodist Episcopal control. In the chapel services and weekly prayer meetings, and in the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., representatives of many denominations unite in allegiance to the one Leader, and the roll-books this year, recording seventeen Christian cults among her students, speak plainly of Allegheny's non-sectarianism.

Such is Allegheny College, with her century of enduring achievement faithfully builded in the past and her vistas of hopeful prosperity unrolling for futurity. She may never overtake the giant handmaids of learning which, golden-shod, have outstripped her on the highway of renown, but there never will be a time when her whispering shade-trees do not echo the fond tribute of many hearts: "God bless old Alleghen."

ALICE CRITTENDEN DERBY, Mu, '92.



Power House—Allegheny College

## New York Social Settlements

Sooner or later, every college girl feels stirring within her the desire to be of some use to the great mass of mankind outside her own class in life, to the poor who have been denied the many advantages she has enjoyed. All her life she has been reading and learning and dreaming; now suddenly she longs to be doing. If the knowledge she has gained shall be any real good to her, if she is to make it really her own, she must give it to others.

It was this desire to share the better part of life with the men and women of the poor, that brought about the beginning of college settlement work in Rivington Street, twelve years ago. A party of girls from Smith College, inspired by the work they saw in London, at Toynbee Hall, the pioneer among social settlements, determined to make a home for themselves in the crowded tenement district, east of the Bowery in lower New York, hoping that they might share with their neighbors the beauty in life which had been opened to them by their study and travel. At first there was no idea of establishing any organized work in either classes or clubs, the only thought was to share the best they had with their neighbors, to show themselves true friends. Miss Jane Fine, who had been teaching in connection with the Neighborhood Guild, later called the University Settlement, which had been opened the previous year by a party of university men, consented to take charge of the new work; and the house on Rivington Street was opened with five residents. The success of these two neighboring groups of college trained men and women was contagious; and here and there, in the most crowded parts of the city, sprung up attempts of like nature — the old mission idea of working *for* the people gradually giving way to the settlement idea of working *with* the people — until there are now, according to the directory of New York charities, twenty-



three settlement houses with resident workers; some Catholic, some Protestant, and many entirely non-sectarian, scattered from Brooklyn Bridge on the south to 128th Street in Harlem, from 10th Avenue on the west to the East River.

Since the greater number of these small communities are not dependent upon any other organization, the question of their financial support is of vital importance. Usually there is a board of directors, with an executive committee, and three classes of members, active, associate, and supporting, with yearly dues ranging from five to one hundred dollars. In addition to these regular dues, many gifts are received from wealthy men and women. The residents pay for their board and assist in the general work of the house, each seeking that particular branch of the work for which he is best fitted. The headworker, the kindergartner, and often the teacher of domestic science are trained workers, receiving suitable salaries; while the small army of volunteers give their time and strength for the asking.

The college settlement in Rivington Street is the only organization of its kind having any direct connection with settlement work in other cities. Originally, it was under the control of graduates from Smith College; but the interest in the movement spread to other colleges; and in 1890, the College Settlement Association was formally organized. Any college raising a subscription of one hundred dollars, or a subscription which represents at least twenty members, is entitled to membership. The colleges now represented are Wellesley, Smith, Vassar, Bryn Mawr, Radcliffe, Mills, Packer Collegiate Institute, Cornell, Swarthmore, Elmira, Woman's College of Baltimore, and Barnard, with annual subscriptions amounting to more than six thousand dollars. The association assists in the support of a settlement in Boston and one in Philadelphia, in addition to the one in New York.

As one enters Rivington Street for the first time, one seems to be in a foreign land. New York, with its new world hurry and bustle is left behind at the Bowery. Here

groups of women with shawls over their heads, gossip together in the queer mixture of languages called Yiddish. Signs made of strange characters are on the houses, and the side walks are lined with push carts, having their contents temptingly displayed. On one cart, any of the small necessities of life may be purchased for a penny — a paper of pins, a package of hairpins or of tacks, a small hammer or a tin cup. On another cart, the modern granite pots and kettles may be found for half their price in more pretentious neighborhoods. Men's percale shirts in the popular black and white stripe, underclothing, socks, odd lengths of cotton goods, various kinds of small hardware, macaroons on long strips of brown paper — all these and more can be found in this open air market. Just next to the large Roumanian church is 95 Rivington Street, the home of the college settlement for twelve years. If by any chance you had forgotten the house number, you would instantly be sure of its identity, for the fresh curtains and the pretty glazed window garden breathe forth an unmistakable air of refinement. This house and another on Ludlow Street, two blocks distant, have recently been bought by friends of the settlement and put in perfect repair. There are nine residents in the larger house and three in the smaller, who are assisted in the more definite class work by about forty volunteers. This leaves the residents free to devote a part of their time to the more informal relations with the neighbors, so important to the success of true settlement work. One of the residents is a trained nurse who freely gives her time and skill to those who need it. The headworker has recently been honored by a place on the local school board, which shows that the people realize she is their friend.

One great reason for the success in Rivington Street is that there has always been the effort to have any innovation in the work come from the desire of the people themselves. When the kindergarten was first planned, it was feared that the mothers might not realize the benefit it would be to the children and would hinder rather than further the



plan. Miss Brooks, then at the head of the Kindergarten Training School of Teachers' College, met with the Mother's Club, taught them some of the games, and gave them materials for the children to use at home. Naturally, the wish came to these mothers that they might have such a kindergarten for their children. No sooner was the wish fulfilled, than the mothers showed the most eager desire to do everything in their power to make it a success. When one sees the thirty happy children in the sunny kindergarten room, one is saddened by the thought of the two hundred on the waiting list. The afternoon classes are small; so that the teachers may become intimately acquainted with the children; so that the children may feel that she is their friend, sympathizing in all their pleasures and troubles: for after all, the personality of the teacher has a greater influence upon the children than any definite skill or knowledge they may gain from the lesson. I was much interested in a cook class of five little Jewesses I visited. It was held in a bright, pleasant room, containing a row of tables, something like laboratory tables. Each child has her own gas burner and a drawer in the table for her cooking utensils. Attired in clean white caps, aprons and full sleeves, the children were ready and eager for the lesson to begin. The subject for the day was omelet making, and the receipt for a small omelet was written upon the blackboard. The children are taught to measure everything, even the salt and pepper, with the greatest precision. Each child had her own diminutive frying pan and cooked her own omelet and afterward solemnly ate it. One sober, dark-eyed girl kept saying all through the lesson, "Why it's just like eggs!"

The day's work in the various New York settlements is much the same, differing chiefly in the personality of the workers, the limitations of the club house, and the character of the neighborhood. In the morning there is a kindergarten for the smallest children; in the early afternoon there are clubs for the mothers, who often bring their babies with them; after half-past three there are classes in

various kinds of manual training and in gymnasium work for the children of the public school; while the evening is given up to the wage-earners, men, boys and girls. The breadth and variety of the work can be seen by glancing at the daily programs, which contain classes in cooking, kitchen gardening which is housework taught by kindergarten methods, sewing, drawing, wood-carving, clay-modelling and basket-weaving; and clubs for gymnasium work, dancing, reading, debate, and dramatic study, in addition to those clubs which are purely social. A fee of from one to fifty cents is charged for each class or club, the fees for class instruction going directly to the house for materials and other necessary expenses; while the fees for club membership are the property of the club, to be spent as the club shall decide. Two of the settlements have music schools, where the children pay twenty-five cents a lesson and are allowed to use the piano for practice. At the Friendly Aid Settlement, on East Thirty-fourth Street, an endeavor is made to have each child come to the settlement three times a week; for physical culture, for some form of manual training, and for games and amusements. Gymnasium work is always popular among the boys and young men, and some of the settlements have arranged roof gardens where the boys can indulge in basket ball and other out-door sports. The University Settlement on the corner of Eldridge and Rivington Streets and the East Side House on the corner of Seventy-sixth Street and East River have the advantage of handsome club houses, built for them according to their own plans. The East Side House has a most desirable location, on the edge of a densely crowded part of the city, but on a high bluff above the river; so that one can turn his back upon the squalor of the tenements and look out upon the quiet river, with the softened outline of Blackwell's Island in the distance. Inside the house, there are three separate gymnasia for men, boys and girls. There is a spacious billiard room, with softly shaded green lights and a large assembly room, used for the dancing classes,



various parties, musical and dramatic entertainments, and the weekly public lecture. One of the most attractive and most home-like settlements in the city is the Union Settlement on East One Hundred and Fourth Street between First and Second Avenues. Originally under the care of the Union Theological Seminary, it is now non-sectarian in both principle and practice. Here five small, three-story houses have been thrown into one, which gives to the rooms that space and dignity which is so highly prized by those who have to spend the greater part of their lives in dingy, crowded tenements. The furnishings are simple but rich and harmonious in tone, the walls are hung with good plaster casts and photographs of the best pictures, while flowers and plants add that fresh grace which they alone can give. The yards of the houses have also been united, so that now there is one large garden with grass and shrubs, a constant joy to all the neighbors. Here the kindergarten children come for games in pleasant weather, and for the planting of seeds on the warm spring days.

Almost all the settlements have some kind of summer work which they carry on during vacation. Some of them have cottages or farms in the country where the mothers or the working girls or the children are sent for a two weeks' rest. Often the various Fresh Air organizations of the city allow the settlements to choose the children who are to be benefitted by the trip to the country. The University Settlement tries to make its roof garden as attractive as possible during the summer months, giving numerous open-air concerts which are free to the people. The East Side House has large grounds, including bathing and boat houses. In connection with the Union Settlement, there is a play ground of about three acres which is a great delight to the children all summer long. Here there is an open-air kindergarten, simple gymnasium apparatus, and a large number of swings.

In both summer and winter then, the workers in the settlements are faithful to their purpose. And what is this purpose? What are the definite aims of the settlement and

what is the actual good it accomplishes? Mrs. Simkovitch (Mary Kingsbury) in her report as headworker at the Friendly Aid Settlement gives the three functions which a settlement must perform. The first is democratic — a constant presentation of the life of the working people to the community at large, the bringing together of people of different origin. The second is instructive — education in its broadest sense. The third is civic — local improvement, the resuscitation of the village idea. If our democratic ideals are ever to be realized, it is necessary to create in the minds of the masses a desire for something better. Today they are easily led by the selfish political boss; they would be quite as easily led by better men, if the educated classes would become conscious of their mission. The people have the balance of power in a democracy, and it is impossible to establish a higher standard of political life than they themselves desire. We justly pride ourselves upon our system of public education; but in a large city like New York, this system is entirely inadequate. In the crowded parts of the city, there is not a sufficient number of school buildings to accommodate the children. Many of the children are obliged to leave school before they have reached the studies which would help them most in their later life. The settlements try to supplement the work of the schools. This part of the work is often difficult and requires great tact on the part of the teacher, who must be convinced that intellectual life is one of great interest for itself as well as for the power over nature and circumstances which it brings. Often the minds of working people, both young and old, are so unused to continued mental effort that the only brain food they can assimilate is disguised in games or informal talks or illustrated lectures. Each settlement tries to improve the condition of its own district. Any local nuisance is promptly reported to the proper officers, and the street cleaning department is strictly watched. The settlement co-operates with any local clubs or organizations which already exist, with anything which promotes good citizenship; for,



after all, that is the one thing needful.

As to the actual results of such movements, it is always hard to speak in definite terms. Individual workers may sometimes fear that little is accomplished by their personal work; but no man can count the men and women, who have been helped and cheered by the movement as a whole, who in the midst of discouragements have been spurred on to make the most of life. The poor is not the only class which is helped. Many workers will testify that the years they spent in the social settlement are the most inspiring they have known. The rich need personal contact with the poor "to see life steadily and see it whole."

LOUISE PITCHER LAWSHE,  
*Gamma Alumnae.*

## The Gamma District Convention

The University of California and Stanford are within three hours' ride of each other, but for some reason there has been little communication between Phi and Omega chapters outside of the infrequent visits of upper classmen to assist at initiations. With the idea of making one chapter know the other, from senior to freshman, and to establish a more cordial fraternity feeling, as well as to get an exchange of ideas on several subjects before the Grand Convention in July, the first Gamma district convention was called on the invitation of Omega chapter for February 28th — each chapter to have one delegate for voting purposes, the other members to attend the convention as visiting delegates.

The Iota Alumnae delegate was unable to be present, but there were alumnae of Omega, Chi, Lambda and Phi chapters to give us a word of advice or suggestion — a convention of some forty people in all. We were especially fortunate in having with us Ednah Wickson, our Grand President. The morning and afternoon sessions were taken up with discussing chapter problems and questions of interest in fraternity life, especially matters that are to come before the Grand Convention. The resolutions of the Pan-Hellenic conference were given especial attention, and a substitute for the first one, namely that concerning setting a date for invitation to join a fraternity, suggested by the convention. One of the most interesting features of the program was a paper by Ednah Wickson, giving a brief resume of the history of the fraternity, its position in the college world, its conservative policy, and its relation to other fraternities.

The Phi girls were the guests of Omega from Friday until Sunday and were most royally entertained. A masquerade party one evening and a farce, "A Proposal under





Gamma District Convention at Omega's Home—Berkeley, California

Difficulties," by the Sophomores the following evening were rare fun, and added much to the pleasure of the visit. The convention on the whole was a great success, not only as regarded the immediate business in hand, but in the feeling of cordial good-fellowship established between the chapters, and the gaining of a broader outlook,—a gain that will increase and make the bond between every one of us stronger.

JANE SPAULDING, PHI.

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### Program of Gamma District Convention

Berkeley, February 28, 1903, 9-12 A. M. 2-4 P. M.

Opening. In charge of Ada Taylor and Louise Van Uxem.  
Election of secretary and miscellaneous business.

#### Reports:

District president.  
Phi.  
Omega.  
Iota Alumnae.

Our National Organization. Ednah Wickson, Grand President.

#### Inter-fraternity Relations:

*Chicago Conference.* Claire Soule.  
*Local Contracts as regards asking day, rushing, etc.* Bertha Reuter.  
*Inter-fraternity Fraternities.* Sara Reid Park.

#### Ritual:

*Pledge Service.* Mayme Hendrick.  
*Initiation.* Ethel Traphagen.

#### Chapter Problems:

*Duty to Freshmen.* Barbara Hitt.  
*Duty of Freshmen to Chapter.* Rowena Moore.  
*Finance.* Carol Day.



*Alumnae.* Mrs. Philips.

*A Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in a University:  
its place.* Elizabeth Arneill.

*Chapter Criticism.* Ethel Richardson.

*Fraternity versus Chapter Duties.* Katharine  
Bunnell.

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### Lake Geneva and the Y. W. C. A. Summer Conference

"If thou art worn and hard beset  
With burdens that thou wouldst forget,  
If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep  
Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep,  
Go to the woods and hills! No cares  
Dim the sweet look that Nature wears."

Lake Geneva is a charming little body of water lying well toward the southeastern corner of Wisconsin, the state of many lakes. Its waters are clear and deep and almost wholly free from weeds and swampy places which mar the crystal beauty of many of our lakes. The water supply is kept up entirely by springs that burst from the hillsides or bubble up at the water's edge at frequent intervals along the bank.

In years long ago, Indians roamed along its shores, and from them we have the name "Kish-wau-ke-toc," signifying "daylight water." The earliest name given to the lake by the white man was "Big-Foot," after a Pottawattamie Indian chief who had his village at the head of the lake. This name is still borne by the beautiful prairie that stretches away southward from the old site of the village.

The heavily wooded shore line still presents its original unartificial appearance; though at intervals along the lake's

margin, towering from shaded heights behind the trees, there may be seen, as one floats along over the rippling, blue waters, palatial private residences with their spacious, well-kept grounds. Pleasure craft of every sort, from the swiftest, most graceful, and most elegantly fitted steam yacht down to the plain fisherman's row boat, are owned by the dwellers along the shore. Those who love the water, find all that heart can wish in Lake Geneva.

The picturesque shore, too, and the surrounding country have their attractive and delightful features. A woodsy tramp of two and a half miles, brings one to Lake Como, the home of the white pond lily. A like distance in the opposite direction, brings one to the fisheries, where extensive trout ponds are kept up by one of the wealthy summer residents. Five miles across the country afoot, awheel or by carriage, takes one to Delavan Lake, a favorite fishing ground. Toward the western end of the lake on the north shore, there rises from the water's edge to a height of one hundred and eighty feet, a series of natural terraces, where upon a level stretch, are the grounds of the famous Yerkes Astronomical Observatory, containing the largest equatorial telescope in the world. Just below, and adjoining these grounds is the Young Woman's Christian Association Camp.

In this lovely place, one day last August, nine girls wearing the kite, found themselves. With nearly six hundred other girls representing colleges located all over our land, from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific, we had come to attend the Summer Conference of the Y. W. C. A. Amid such a throng of young women, most of whom were entire strangers, it certainly was a pleasure and joy to find each other and to feel acquainted without the necessity of a formal introduction. Although we had come from widely separated parts of the Middle West, and most of us had never met before, the sight of the little gold badge made us friends at once. Five of us represented active chapters, two being from Alpha, and three from Epsilon, while the other



four were alumnae sisters, of whom we were very proud — Miss Weldy, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at the University of Nebraska; Miss Lockwood, city secretary at Kalamazoo, Michigan; Miss Bentley, general secretary at the University of California, and Miss Simms, State Secretary of Michigan.

We felt proud of Theta's delegation since among all the fraternities represented, we took second rank in numbers, Pi Beta Phi coming first with eleven delegates. But after all, girls, considering the hundreds of members in our general fraternity, was it really a good showing? How we wished that every one of our chapters in the Middle States might have been represented by at least one delegate, and that a *Theta* might have carried to her sisters and her college association, the inspiration for better Christian living which we received there.

The purpose of the Conference which is an annual occurrence, is for Bible Study, for the quickening of spiritual life through devotional exercises, and addresses, and the discussion of methods of Christian work among young women. The ten days of our encampment were busy, but delightfully helpful and pleasant. The morning hours were filled with meetings — Bible classes, and conferences considering student, city and missionary interests. In the afternoons at four we met for a quiet hour service, out under the trees on the grassy hillside sloping from the water's edge. In the evenings we assembled in the Tabernacle and listened to a helpful, inspiring address.

The congenial fellowship and social features of the Conference combined with the beauties of lake and wood to make an ideal vacation atmosphere. The out-of-door tent life was a delight. To many a city girl, one of the greatest charms of all, was the fact that she was out in the woods, close to Nature's heart. She was in the midst of one of Nature's "royal pleasure grounds" where "to breathe is a beatitude," and she truly felt that "tho' we should be grateful for good houses, there is, after all, no house like God's

out-of-doors." The social life of the camp was entirely free from formality and, was happy and wholesome. The recreative side of the Conference was emphasized. A steamboat excursion around the lake and a visit to the Yerkes Observatory were pleasant features. In leisure afternoon hours, there was opportunity for rowing, sailing, tennis and unlimited rambles in the woods or along the shores of the lake.

While attending the general conferences and enjoying the pastimes of the camp, we Theta girls found time too, for several little conferences by ourselves in which we talked over general fraternity interests, and in particular, the relation of the fraternity to the Young Women's Christian Association in our colleges. One morning we arose early, and had a helpful little sunrise meeting before breakfast. We were proud to recall how in the various colleges in which our fraternity is represented, Theta girls have always been leaders in the social and literary work, but with regret we had to admit that in many of our schools, the fraternity girls are willing to let the active *religious* work be done by the non-fraternity young women.

Is this just as it should be, girls? The all-round development for which we are striving, surely cannot help being imperfect, if we neglect the development of this, the most important side of our nature—our *spiritual* lives. Shall we not, as chapters, rally to the support and help of the Young Women's Christian Association as we do to that of the other organizations in our colleges? And in the coming years, may Theta girls in greater numbers, swell the ranks of the many energetic, active, earnest, Christian young women, who meet in cordial Christian fellowship and unity for spiritual uplift and inspiration, for physical relaxation and rest, on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva.

EPSILON.



## Northwestern University

In May, 1851, a small group of earnest men met in a Chicago office to discuss the advisability of founding a Methodist University. It was unanimously resolved that the interests of Christian learning demanded the immediate establishment of a university in the northwest. The funds necessary to the realization of this plan were largely pro-

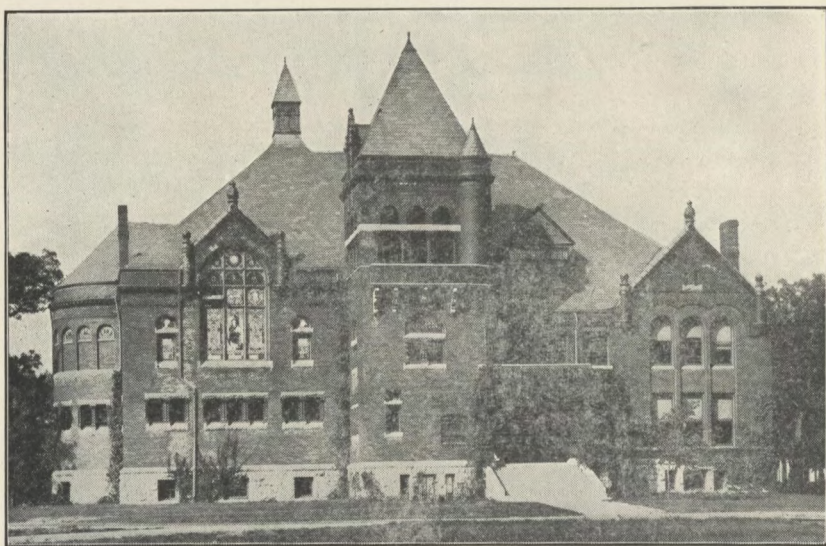


University Hall—Northwestern University

vided by these few men, affectionately known among us as "founders."

The search for a site was begun at once, along the lake shore, north of Chicago, ground "untrodden except by Indians and hunters." The present site, near the center of what is now Evanston, was purchased, and surely there

could be no more beautiful location for a University. The buildings nestle among the great oaks of a thick grove, extending three quarters of a mile along the bluffs of Lake Michigan. The campus is one of the most attractive spots in our beautiful little city of wide shaded streets, green lawns, and handsome homes. Visitors are always driven through the great stone and iron gateway, the principal entrance to the campus, and over the road which winds in and out, under the trees, among the handsome buildings and



Memorial Hall—Northwestern University

along the lake shore. Beside the numerous buildings really belonging to the University, Heck Hall and Memorial Hall, the home of Garret Biblical Institute, and the Cumnock School of Oratory, are also on the campus. While these institutions are, strictly speaking, no part of the University, they are closely connected with it. Fisk Hall, the University preparatory school, is also given a place on the campus.

Only the College of Liberal Arts is located in Evans-



ton. The professional schools, with the exception of the medical school, occupy the handsome Northwestern University Building, corner Dearborn Avenue and Clark Street, Chicago. The medical school is housed in buildings of its own, also in Chicago. It is, of course, in Evanston that one sees the real University life, but situated as we are, only twelve miles from the heart of Chicago, meetings of the entire student body are easily arranged on important occasions. There are twenty-eight hundred students enrolled at Northwestern, making us, in point of number, one of the largest Universities in the country.

Three courses of study are offered by the College of Liberal Arts, leading respectively to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Philosophy, and Bachelor of Science. The amount of required work in each course is comparatively small, the rest being elective, thus giving the student a wide choice as to the courses he will pursue. Out of the forty-nine persons constituting the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, thirty-five are professors or assistant professors. No mere tutors are employed. Thus the students throughout their entire course, have the advantage of association with and instruction from the finest scholars in the University.

University Place, a beautiful, winding street, with attractive homes on either side, leads directly from the southwest corner of the campus to a group of fine buildings, three of which, Willard, Chapin, and Pearsons Halls, are dormitories for the women students, the fourth is Music Hall, the home of our flourishing School of Music, a department of the University. The girls at Northwestern are required to live in one of the dormitories, unless especially excused. In two of the Halls, Chapin and Pearsons, the residents assist with the housekeeping, thus materially reducing their expenses. All the women in the University are under the direct supervision of the Dean of Women, Mrs. Martha Foote Crow, who lives at Willard Hall.

There is only one dormitory for the men, but as many



Entrance to Campus, Southwest—Northwestern University



of them live in fraternity houses, and there are several good boarding houses near the campus, they are easily accommodated.

Northwestern is a Methodist school, although the charter provides that "no particular faith shall be required of those who become students of the University." All are welcome. The high purpose in the minds of our founders is felt throughout the life of the school. Our charter also provides that no intoxicating liquor can be legally sold, as a beverage, within four miles of the campus. For this rea-

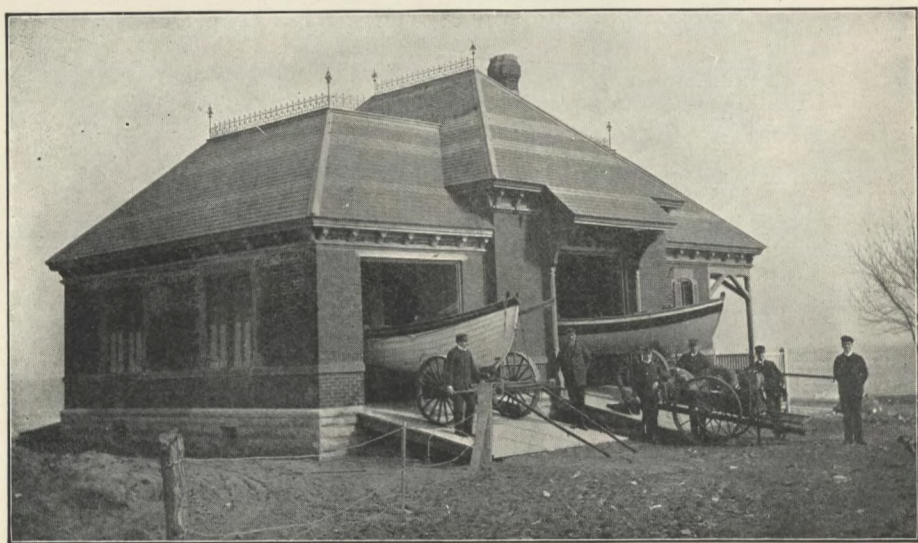


Orrington Lunt Library—Northwestern University

son and because of the number and activity of our churches, Evanston is jokingly called "Saint's Rest." It would be hard to find another University, surrounded by such influences.

There is an abundance of social life in Evanston, much of which is shared by "town and gown" alike, partly owing to the fact that many of our young people attend the home University, and that many of our professors and trustees are "old settlers." For many years the University was

Evanston. The social life of the students is carefully regulated by a social committee, composed of members of the faculty. There are nine men's fraternities represented in the college of Liberal Arts: Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and "Deru," a senior society. All the national sororities are represented with the addition of Zeta Phi Eta, in the Cumnock School of Oratory, and an interfraternity society, Omega Psi.



United States Life-Saving Station

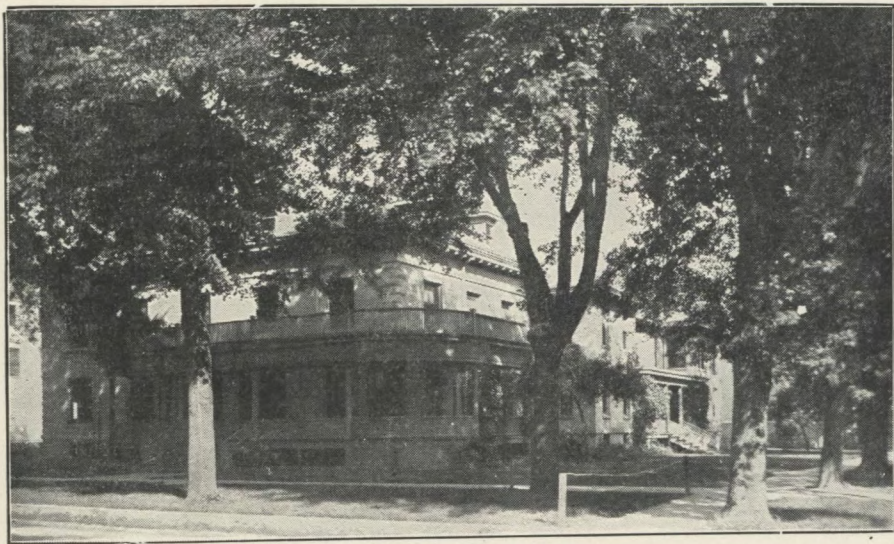
Each society is allowed to give only one entertainment each year where both men and women are present. All such entertainments must close at half after eleven o'clock and must be given on Friday or Saturday nights. When it is known that the cards of invitation often read "dancing at half after six," it will be readily seen that students at Northwestern would "rather dance than eat." This rule has really caused more fun than annoyance, and it makes "Oh, such a difference in the morning." As most of the frater-



nity dances come in the Spring, it is a common experience to see men and girls, arrayed in evening clothes, driving in broad day light, toward the Boat club, where most of the parties are held. Five of the oldest men's fraternities have combined into what is known as the Pan Hellenic Association. They give the largest and most elaborate dance of the college year, and it is the only one given at the Country Club, the most exclusive of Evanston's social clubs. This affair is called by the students, the "J. Hop" or the "Junior Prom," altho' the Junior class has nothing to do with it. The five fraternities in the Pan Hellenic Association are not allowed to entertain either individually or collectively, in any similar way, during the year. Although, in a way, the social life among the students is restricted, still there is always plenty "going on." Once each year the Juniors give us a play, and each year the Freshmen cremate "Trig" up on the athletic field, with appropriate ceremonies. Only men take part in this performance which is usually in the form of a play, written for the occasion by a student. Our president and his wife open their home every Wednesday afternoon to University and town people alike. Many avail themselves of this great privilege each week.

Both the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are very active at Northwestern, adding much both to the religious and social life of the school. Through the efforts of the Volunteer Band, a group of students who expect to engage in missionary work, Northwestern supports a missionary to a foreign land. There are several debating and literary clubs in the English department of the College of Liberal Arts. The German department boasts of two clubs, "Die Deutsche Gesellschaft," and "Der Deutsche Literatur Verein." The French department also has its club. An association made up of alumni and friends of the University maintains the Northwestern University Settlement, a social settlement, located in one of Chicago's most congested tenement districts. Many of our students and alumni are active in this work.

At twelve o'clock, noon, chapel services are held for



Pearson's Hall—Northwestern University



fifteen minutes in Assembly Hall, located in Arrington Lunt Library. Chapel attendance is compulsory for each student three times each week. In Lunt Library are also to be found the rooms of the University Guild, a society of Evans-ton women, interested in art and aesthetic education. The rooms contain a large and fine collection of pottery and other art works, and are open to students one afternoon in each week.

The United States Life Saving Station, a small brick structure, is located on the southeast corner of the campus, right by the water's edge. The crew, excepting the captain, consists of students of fine physique, who take this way of earning their college education. We think with pride of the brilliant record for bravery, and of the noble worth of our student crew.

Through the aid of the two Christian associations, needy students are often enabled to find congenial outside work. We are proud of the noble men and women who have earned their way through our university. A limited number of scholarships are also available to deserving persons.

The College of Liberal Arts supports one weekly paper, the Northwestern, and one annual publication, the Syllabus.

Sheppard Field, the home of athletics at Northwestern, is located at the north end of the campus. It contains, beside the "gridiron" and "diamond," a quarter mile cinder track, training house, large covered grand stand, and bleachers. The men students, ably assisted by the girls, built the enclosing high board fence, and are justly proud of the result.

The University tennis courts are also on the campus and are well patronized. One of the most popular student enterprises is the skating rink, occupying a large tract of land near the campus. Every Thursday night during the season, the University band plays, and the scene is a brilliant one, for the rink is well lighted, and there is no fence to obstruct the view of spectators.

Last October Dr. Edmund Janes James was installed president of Northwestern University. The ceremonies in connection with this event lasted three never-to-be forgotten days. The weather was perfect, and the whole town was arrayed in royal purple bunting and American flags. The black academic gowns, many of them decorated with parti-colored hoods, added dignity to the picture. Visitors were here from many foreign lands, as well as from all parts of our own country. The installation services were held in the picturesque, vine-covered Methodist church, and were most impressive.

Dr. James is a man of great mind and unbounded enthusiasm. Mrs. James shares his great interest in the University, and we all feel that with such leaders, no future is too brilliant to predict for our Alma Mater.

ALTA D. MILLER.





### Our Alumnae Chapters

The past two years have brought into the roll of our alumnae chapters four new groups: Iota, Los Angeles, California; Kappa, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Lambda, Athens, Ohio; and Mu, Cleveland, Ohio; another group is already organized and awaits its charter.

This growth is gradual but steady, and is a gratifying tribute to Theta loyalty. All of these new chapters are organized in towns where there is no active chapter—what better proof can we have of the permanent value of the sisterhood? These members, remote from active chapters, were joined because of the strength of the old tie that bound them. It was not the solving of some problem, social, financial or otherwise, of some active chapter that drew them together in spasmodic enthusiasm until that problem was settled. As the strength of the old love drew them, so may it continue to hold them.

Others of our alumnae, organized as defense to some particular chapter, are strengthening us in their own good ways. The answers to the Council's questions, proposed at the meeting held last July, show that there are four organized bodies of alumnae, other than regular alumnae chapters, formed primarily as means of strength to their own chapters. These groups are in Providence, Wooster, Stanford and Berkeley. Unable to assume the obligation entailed by enrolling as regular alumnae chapters, these organizations are promoting the interests of their respective chapters in some definite way. Further, by being organized, a more satisfactory means of communication is secured between the active chapter and those of its members who have graduated. How shall we solve the problems that hinder such from swelling the roll of our alumnae chapters? Gamma District with its two active chapters has three organized groups of alumnae. Ohio with its two active chap-

ters has three alumnae chapters and one more group of alumnae fully organized.

Lambda, Alpha Zeta, Alpha, Tau, Upsilon and Alpha Gamma are supported by immediate proximity to regular alumnae chapters. Alpha Epsilon, Phi, Epsilon and Omega has each her organized alumnae. Beta and Alpha Beta have their informal organizations, leaving Iota, Mu, Chi, Alpha Delta, Delta, Eta, Kappa, Pi, Rho, and Psi alone in the devious paths of college life.

When shall you, alumnae of these chapters, assume the tutelary role? Does your chapter represent the best womanhood in your University? Do you own a house, or are you buying one? Do the girls meet the professors and their wives intimately? If not, why not?

EDNAH H. WICKSON.

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### Alpha District—President's Letter

To each and every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, greetings:

Three things have I in my heart to say this day, one about convention, another about fraternity alumnae and the last about life.

In these days of preparation for the coming convention, I feel that the realization on the part of each chapter of the full meaning of such a convention is essential to insure legislation of permanent value. The convention as the representative body of the fraternity has practically power absolute over policy and each chapter should take not only an active but an aggressive interest therein. It is easy without much preparation to send a delegate who will vote on questions prepared and formulated by others. It is far more difficult but none the less most necessary for each chapter to realize that future policy should originate in some



degree with it. You in the active chapters, and those of the alumnae who are organized into alumnae chapters know the actual results of the working of the different branches of your fraternity organization. Where results are satisfactory, approve; where they fail of satisfaction, improve. Take an example, the question of finances. If you feel that more money should be expended, be prepared to say where in your experience of value received such moneys should be laid out. If, on the other hand, you feel that less money should be expended, consider from all possible points of view and then be sure to curtail where the expenditure is bringing least in return. So with every question, take hold of the great fundamental policies and work over them to find a wise solution, work together with your Council, your chosen leaders. May each chapter be ever on the lookout for new ideas and for methods of improvement.

In considering plans for Kappa Alpha Theta's advancement remember our alumnae. Truly there is possibility of splendid work for the fraternity in its body of alumnae. Any system of organization which ignores them or makes them less of service than they might be is surely disastrous as policy. Their enthusiasm with more mature judgment added can help to solve many a difficult problem. To have such women who can serve and to fail to make use of their service is to leave Kappa Alpha Theta in the position of a young fraternity dependent upon its active members alone for its advancement.

The preparation of an organization of the alumnae that shall be effective and satisfactory alike to active chapters and to the alumnae generally is no mean task and I commend it to you.

Last of all my thoughts turn again to an old, old strain. In and throughout the labor and multiform activities of chapter life I should love to feel that there is never lacking this fundamental consciousness of the deep things as the real things in life; and more especially of the share

of these deep things that rightly belongs to life in a worthy chapter of a great fraternity. The years of college experience should be teaching us to choose the higher rather than the lower standards of valuation, making us to feel the joy and fulness of life that men with ignorance and lower ideals can never attain. These years are crowded with contact with the the world's finest in art and in literature and may bring to us a sympathetic insight into womanhood's higher ambitions. The intimate relations in the chapter should make it particularly easy and natural for its members to share in spirit one with another those stages of growth and development. Closer and ever closer each may grow to her sister because together heart to heart they have labored and together have caught some of the spirit of the world's noblest.

ADELAIDE HOFFMAN MARVIN.

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### Initiation

The minutes of the Inter-Sorority Conference held in Chicago, contain a provision which reads: "No part of an initiation, formal or informal, shall take place in public." This appeals very strongly to many active and alumnae fraternity members.

From the standpoint of the fraternity it is clearly against the original plan of its organization that the outside world should know of or witness any part of the ceremonies attendant on the founding of a new college chapter or the reception of new members.

Every true fraternity girl should hold these occasions as sacred and not permit them in any way to become the subject of public comment, much less of newspaper notoriety. It may be argued that it is easy enough to carry on the formal initiation in secret but not the informal ceremonies which comprise such an important part of many initiations. This raises the question as to the advisability of



entirely doing away with all the informal ceremonies of an initiation. Surely it is not a necessary qualification that the candidates have successfully undergone all tests enthusiastic members see fit to impose upon them. This is a question of great interest to active members and it seems that the best judgment of many chapters is against all such undignified performances. Both active and alumnae fraternity women are working to the one end, — the bettering of the fraternity, — and were this suggestion of the Conference followed out, the position of women's fraternities in college circles would be advanced decidedly.

Give your active girls who still have enthusiasm for the informal ceremonies, some responsible part in the formal initiation and you will soon find that they will gladly join in making this service more impressive and earnest.

Then this question has another side. It cannot be fitting that a public demonstration be made of that which in reality concerns so few of the college world in which we live. Nothing should be done by fraternities in any way to make more marked the distinction between fraternity and non-fraternity women than follows the actual existence of fraternities in our colleges. This recommendation should also cover the question of wearing fraternity colors for an initiate, by the active chapter or by the new member herself. Certainly the placing of the badge of a fraternity on an initiate should be sufficient introduction to the fraternity world of any college. In many institutions this is already the accepted form and it is constantly gaining in favor.

Aside from the effect on the fraternity itself and the rest of the college world occasioned by semi-public initiations, fraternity people have come to see another result of such ceremonies: the establishment of so many High School Fraternities in the past two or three years. No doubt the idea of planting such chapters originated from the publicity given college fraternity initiations, and is but the natural outcome of the course followed by many

college chapters. The existence of such organizations detracts greatly from the pleasures and experiences to be looked forward to by in-coming freshmen college classes. Every effort should be put forth to continue the college fraternity on a dignified basis, and if necessary to this end we should be willing to give up any course previously followed, that we may retain the respect so much desired from the college world.

GRACE EAGLESON.



# Διαλεγόμεθα

## A Plea for Liberality—

“Underneath the scum of things  
Something always, always sings.”

This cheery bit of philosophy is the keynote of the harmony found within that dear old soul, Mrs. Wiggs, who so overflows with joy at the goodness of all things that she is truly an inspiration to us unappreciative mortals who more often wear our blue spectacles than those of a rose tint. Indeed she who can find in the crispness of a winter morning naught but a cause for thankfulness for the old garment with which to stuff the broken pane when “the mercury’s done fell up to zero,” and who can still smile and keep up a brave heart in the face of all adversity, possesses a character truly heroic and furnishes an illustrious example of that happy state of mind which all might attain would they but become disciples of the Wiggsonian school of cheerful, hearty philosophy.

Indeed not a college girl, not a woman in the home or in the world that could not well emulate that broad and loving spirit which can rejoice with those who laugh and weep with those who sorrow, to whom one touch of Nature makes the whole world kin, and whose vocabulary contains no such word as selfishness, the synonym of exclusiveness, that evil which has done much to bring the secret society of to-day, especially the college secret society, into ill-repute. That fraternity or sorority which places itself upon a pedestal and, gathering around the cheery fireside of its own society home, breathes, if not in words at least in thought, the prayer of the old Quaker who said, “Bless me and my

wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more, Amen," is surely working its own undoing.

In no wise would the high standard of which we as a sorority have set be lowered by casting Anchor occasionally among our sisters banded together for the same purpose as ourselves, or joining our soaring Kite in sisterly companionship with the Key for mutual benefit. Or again, may it not be as great a pleasure to spend a social or a studious hour with one who has never entered the charmed circle of Greekdom and who wears no insignia but the badge of good comradeship in the form of a happy, loving spirit.

Who knows the capabilities and the power for good which are lying latent in some timid, modest soul which needs but a word of encouragement and the hearty grip of the right hand of fellowship to cause it to unfold in all its beauty like a lovely rose under the warm kisses of the sun. Who can tell how much good we may gain from association with one who at first seems to possess no charm with the power to attract, and who is awaiting an opportunity which we may create to give us of her abundance of hidden loveliness.

The Kite in its soarings creates for itself a limitless horizon, and, while Emerson's advice to "Hitch your wagon to a star" is most excellent, may it not have a tendency to make us overlook those apparently lesser lights with which our sky is studded but in whose developed effulgence we may, perhaps, discover some of those rare strains of harmony which make up the music of the spheres.

MARY GARFIELD RAYMOND.

#### The Fraternity Examination—

The attitude of the undergraduate girls toward the yearly fraternity examination is a subject that might well be considered. Too often we hear sentiments expressed somewhat like this: "O dear, the meetings are a perfect bore



nowadays. We are studying for that dreadful exam." Should the examination be a bugbear and the meetings a bore? Of course it means work — any examination in any subject means work — but should the work be so irksome that the girls find it a "bore" to study for it?

Surely no subject ought to be more interesting than the laws and history of the fraternity to which we have pledged ourselves. It is an interesting story — the story of the four brave girls who were determined to start a fraternity in the days when such a thing as a woman's fraternity was not known: then the growth of the fraternity and its constant increase in size and strength and power: its present high standing and conservatism — surely every girl should be eager to know all this.

I think the girls would find it easier if they would look at it as an interesting story with which they are vitally connected rather than as so many hard facts to be learned in case the Grand Council should ask certain questions. It does not seem to me that a certain amount of information should be "crammed" for the test, and then forgotten: it would be better if we regarded the examinations merely as an incentive to looking up the fraternity history, rather than looking up the fraternity history merely in view of the examinations.

"Why have the examination at all then?" some one may ask. Well, considering the natural laziness that is inborn in every human creature, I think it doubtful if any chapter would ever settle down to serious, systematic work without some definite incentive. The girls might be interested enough to look up the constitution and the history in a desultory, fragmentary sort of way, but they would never get any accurate, thorough knowledge of the subject.

Systematic study is not a bore: we have proved otherwise in our own chapter. If the president be enthusiastic, her spirit will be contagious, and the girls will become interested almost without conscious effort on their own part. The younger girls should remember, however, that such

work comes hardest on the president. For four years, she has been well drilled on the same subject, and it necessarily becomes a little tiresome to go over it again and again with girls who are not energetic enough to study a little and try to remember. Hence the younger girls, not so familiar with the ground, should make a special effort to master the subject as completely and rapidly as possible.

Above all things, get interested and never, never call the examination a bore! That is not the right way to regard it.

ALPHA EPSILON.

### The "Years to Come"

When we were freshmen, we pledged our faith to Kappa Alpha Theta with the fullest confidence that we were doing something not only for the four years within the college walls, but for all time. And since we have become "lost, now, in the wide, wide world," we perhaps sometimes look back and compare our early enthusiasm for our fraternity with the actual realization of our hopes. Doubtless our individual results are very different; and it would be from those giving the maximum and minimum amounts of satisfaction that the most could be learned. Most of us come somewhere between the two limits. Wherein, then, have we failed in getting the maximum that our fraternity could have given us?

During our college days, we were influenced by a certain subtle, molding force of fraternity spirit; just what this was, varied with the personality of the chapter, but in all cases the predominating influence was for good. According to the law of determinism, therefore, we are better than we should have been if we had not been Thetas. Of this much benefit, nothing that may come afterward can deprive us. So the question becomes, whether we have made the most of the fraternity life that is open to us as alumnae.



One of the pleasantest recollections that I have of Theta sisters from other chapters whom I have met, is that of a sweet-faced woman wearing a deaconess's cap, who spoke to me on a coast steamer a few summers ago. She came to me and said, "I have come to speak to you because I think you are wearing a Kappa Alpha Theta pin. I have been looking at it ever since you came on board."

She was a member of one of the earlier western chapters — a chapter not now in existence. Since she graduated she had given all her time to charitable work, and had lost all knowledge of fraternity friends and fraternity affairs. But she was a true Theta still, and was so eager for everything I could tell her of the fraternity. We talked of the old and the new, comparing notes on college life and matters of chapter administration. I wish that I could remember all the details she told me of their very elaborate pledging customs and initiation service: they would represent a very interesting stage in the "ontological" development of the fraternity — of which I suppose, for obvious reasons, a complete history can never be written. I have since lost sight of this sister, but think that she is in a deaconess' home, somewhere in Massachusetts.

In cases like this, where a member has drifted away from the fraternity, does the blame rest upon the individual or the fraternity? Largely, I believe, upon the individual: partly upon the fraternity, in the person of other individuals. I am my sister's "keeper," so far as the cherishing of fraternity ties and the keeping of fraternity vows is involved.

For ourselves, we may have many other interests, representing phases of business and social life, intellectual improvement, and charitable work — all lines of activity becoming in an all-around Theta: but in the fraternity we have "a few friends to clinch the spirit to," who are different from other friends: and wherever we may find ourselves in the still later "days to come," there will be no tie quite like that of Kappa Alpha Theta.

AGNES ELIZABETH CLARK.

### The Power of the Kite

What a hot day it was when I arrived in the small town of P——, where I was to bury myself far from the giddy whirl and pleasures of college life! I was a full-fledged "school ma'am," with my contract tucked under my arm and sternness enthroned upon my brow; but, oh, such a homesick tugging at my heartstrings.

The train had steamed away amidst a cloud of cinders; the village lay before me scorched yellow with the September heat; the Grand river (what a misnomer it seemed to me then!) lazily dragged itself along over its stony bed; the round, yellow 'bus, which might, under more favorable circumstances, have posed as Cinderella's pumpkin coach, rattled away around the corner, leaving a trail of choking dust. I was alone.

Finally I gathered myself up with a jerk, collected the belongings proverbial to my profession, and started out to get acquainted in my new world — for I knew the inevitable had come.

After much wandering, I found the president of the board, who immediately offered to tell me where to look for rooms. I tried to appear grateful, but my heart sank again at the thought of the vicissitudes always attendant upon that quest. I must meet the English teacher, he said, who could probably direct me to rooms, as she had been there three days and was just settled. Cheerful prospect! But I was glad to see anyone who could be company in my misery.

Shall I ever forget that meeting? Her first greeting was, "Just look at that Kappa Alpha Theta pin!" Sweetest words on mortal tongue! We were friends from that moment, bound by the tie which we all love and which never was so dear to me as on that hot September day.

P—— was a pretty town, after we had removed our homesick spectacles, and offered many opportunities for pleasant rambles. We were both fond of walking, so before the snow flew we had traveled every road leading out



of town for at least three miles. In November another Theta came to us and, during the long winter months, we had Theta meeting regularly Saturday afternoons and evenings, when two of us would sew and the third read. Only the reading was often interrupted while one would tell how "the girls at home" are rushing such a fine girl, or another would relate her chapter's plans for their next party. Thus we came to know all the girls in each of our three chapters by name and characteristics so thoroughly that I feel that I have the personal acquaintance of many more Thetas than I have ever seen.

Surely my lines fell in pleasant places during my first two years out of college, and I can wish no deeper joy for all Thetas than to experience the pleasing surprise of meeting sisters where they are least likely to be found.

LENA M. HUNT, Pi, '01.

Does fraternity life tend to make a girl selfish? This is a question asked so often both by outsiders and by those within the mystic circle as well, that it may be worth while to "talk it over among ourselves." This question, if put to a Theta, would in most cases be met with a staunch and emphatic negative; if put to a non-fraternity girl would probably receive an affirmative answer just as positive. Both replies are sincere. What, then, is the reason for the discrepancy?

I think the key to the solution of the difficulty may be found in the fact that, broadly speaking, the life of a fraternity girl in college presents two distinct aspects: her relations to her fraternity sisters and her relations to those outside the chapter. She is apt to judge herself from the former standpoint; others will inevitably judge her from the latter.

We who are Thetas and who have before us the noble ideals of our fraternity realize fully what an uplifting influence it has had upon us, and scorn the implica-

tion that it has made us selfish. We look back to the day when we were initiated and recall the strange, sweet feeling of responsibility and new-born dignity which came to us. "If the world is to judge my fraternity by me, then no act of mine shall ever cast the faintest shadow on the brightness of its name," was surely the unspoken determination of each one of us. When a girl joins a fraternity, her whole attitude toward college life changes; she undertakes responsibility from which she would otherwise have shrunk; she relinquishes many an hour of frolic for the routine work of the chapter; the triumphs and defeats of the fraternity become her triumphs and defeats, and the joys and sorrows of her sisters become her joys and sorrows. In fact, she loses her individuality to a certain extent and merges it into that of the organization of which she is a vital part. Surely such conditions are not conducive to selfishness.

But if we look at the matter sincerely from the other point of view, are we not compelled to admit that there is some foundation for the impression that outsiders have of us? The very fact that we belong to an organization from which they are excluded, that we enjoy privileges from which they are debarred, seems to support their assertion. Our friendships are for the most part formed within the chapter, and we are apt to hold ourselves aloof from others; we are too often anxious to obtain class and college honors for fraternity sisters without regard to their fitness; and as for "rushing" — the very word brings up in our minds a host of evils which we are disposed to regard as almost inevitable. Many other instances might be mentioned, but these are enough to indicate a tendency which every thoughtful Theta must deplore.

Fortunately, however, these evils are not inherent in the nature of our fraternity; we may be loyal to our Theta sisters, and at the same time not be negligent of our duties toward that larger sisterhood of which all are members. Recognizing these dangers, let us endeavor, then, to co-or-



dinate the two phases of our college life so that we may fulfill our obligations in one without failing in the other.

How often have we heard it said, "A fraternity is no better than the men or women who compose it." But do we realize just how much this means? Each one of us, I think, has the very highest ideal for her fraternity. We wish Theta to stand for a splendid, cultured womanhood. But has each one of us as high an ideal for herself? To those of us especially who are seniors the thought comes, "What have we made of ourselves in the four years that are past? What are we striving for in the future?" We think back to the time when we first came to college, we think of that foolish little Freshman getting her first glimpse at college life, and wonder how she ever had the good fortune to be given the opportunity of becoming a Theta. She has learned many things since then and now that she is a senior we try to set her off and judge her impartially. What does she stand for? Does she approach in any way our ideal of the typical Theta? No, of course not. But is she aiming at that ideal? This is the important question. "'Tis not what man does which exalts him, but what man would do.'" So if she has a "working ideal" for herself that is as fine and noble as the fraternity ideal, we may feel satisfied that she is worthy of Kappa Alpha Theta.

How many of us go through college without appearing to give a thought of our attitude toward the members of other fraternities! Of course this, like a great many other evils, is chargeable to the present rushing system. During the rushing season there is often such fierce competition that the strongest inter-fraternity friendships are in danger of becoming somewhat strained, and after this excitement has subsided, the fraternities are all so busy with their own affairs that they have no time for each other. So it goes and

we do not realize what we are missing. Why should not all Greek letter girls work together? We should surely be able to help each other in many ways. Our aims and ideals are practically the same — witness the fact that in many cases we all want the same girls — so why should we not adopt the modern business method of “combination instead of competition?” Pan-Hellenic associations have done much in this direction, but there is yet much which might be done with advantage to all of us. May the day be not far distant when, at the close of the rushing season, we shall bury the hatchet, and greet every fraternity girl as a sister, or at least as a cousin.

CAROLYN ELIZABETH GOLDING.

#### Kappa Alpha Theta, Our Fraternity—

There was nothing unusual in the situation. So Ellen told herself with a grim little smile as she looked steadily from one to the other of the two notes in her lap. She was not the only girl in the college to whom had come the necessity of deciding between two good fraternities, both eligible, and both attractive; but she had found herself shrinking from the making of a final decision. Now, however, alone in her cozy little room, she drew her lips together in a way that betokened a farewell to indecision and a brave facing and if possible a speedy solving of the problem before her.

For a long time Ellen sat there deep in thought. At last she laid aside one of the notes and took up the other. Her eyes grew tender and her heart filled with love as she looked at the tiny gold monogram, and whispered to herself, Kappa Alpha Theta, my Fraternity.

Two years later when Ellen had become one of the strongest and most influential girls both in fraternity and college circles, she wrote this letter to a dear friend at home.

“College has meant a great deal to me, but Kappa Alpha Theta has meant more. Not only have those girls who wear so proudly the letters *K A Θ* grown very dear to me, but they have taught me what it is to be a noble, true wo-



man. Happy is that day when I chose Kappa Alpha Theta. In striving to live up to Theta ideals, I have learned loyalty, faith and love. By the counsel, patience and encouraging words of our elder sisters, I have been helped and uplifted, and there shall linger in my heart forever the memory of 'Kappa Alpha Theta, Our Fraternity.'

And thus it is with every Theta. Through our chapter are formed our dearest ties, of it are left the fondest memories of our college life. Through it we learn to live in unity, sisterhood, and comradeship. There could not one in all our band be found who would not say with Ellen, "Happy is that day, when I chose Kappa Alpha Theta." We have many members and but one sentiment and that sentiment, which stirs our blood and warms our hearts is "Kappa Alpha Theta, Our Fraternity."

## EDITORIALS

The Fifteenth Biennial Convention will be held in Minneapolis with Upsilon and Beta Alumnae chapters. This fact alone ought to insure for us the largest attendance in the history of the fraternity. Minneapolis is a delightful city in which to hold a summer convention. It is far enough north to escape the intense heat and is easily accessible from the Great Lakes Region. The dates of the Convention have been placed as late as the 20th of August, and will interfere very little with other plans that delegates or visitors may wish to make for the summer.

The local committees have been at work for several months and every effort will be made to make this Fifteenth Biennial Convention the best convention Kappa Alpha Theta has ever known. Good rates have been secured and definite information as to routes, rates and hotel accommodations will be sent to each chapter before the end of the college year. Many important questions of future policy must be settled at this summer meeting and a large attendance of alumnae and active members, besides the official delegates, is especially desired. Can you not make your summer plans to include this Theta gathering at Minneapolis and let this Convention go down in our history as the largest, best and most enthusiastic gathering of Thetas that we have ever had.

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The attention of the alumnae especially is called to the Convention at Minneapolis in August. The committee on program has set apart one day to be known as ALUMNAE DAY. The arrangements for the celebration of this day have been put in the hands of our Chicago alumnae chapter which bespeaks for it the greatest possible measure of



success. The morning session will be devoted to matters concerning alumnae chapters; the afternoon will be spent in the discussion of Theta's place in those activities demanding the attention of college women. The members of the Council are especially anxious for a large delegation of alumnae at this Convention. Our alumnae chapters have been growing so rapidly that the question of our future policy in alumnae matters must be met and settled. There seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of making these alumnae organizations so flexible as to bring about a large increase in this branch of the chapter roll. A full discussion of these problems by our alumnae who are best able to speak on these questions is earnestly desired in order that we may act intelligently and finally. The advice and experience of the alumnae of any organization is well worth the hearing and it is hoped that every alumna member of Kappa Alpha Theta, who can possibly arrange to be present at the Convention this summer will do so and that she will avail herself of this opportunity to show her loyalty and interest.

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The system of fraternity examinations has been growing in favor for the past few years. The fact that our younger fraternity members are making a systematic study of fraternity questions, fraternity policy, fraternity history and traditions as well as becoming familiar with the more formal organizations in their details of government, marks a great step in the progress of the American College Fraternity. Most of the best known fraternities have adopted some plan whereby their initiates are given some training in the history and principles of the organization of which they are members. It is not sufficient that a fraternity man's knowledge of these Greek-letter societies be confined to his own organization. He ought to be familiar at least with the names of all the more prominent Greek-

letter societies; to know something of their comparative age and strength; to know where they are located and something of their history and general organization. This could be embodied in a brief course of study and ought to find its way into this general plan of fraternity education. It would not be practical to go into the detailed history of each organization but the fraternity system as found in the American college, its growth, its policy, its strength, its evils, and its advantages might well come in for a certain degree of consideration.

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The report of the Educational Committee for the February examination is indeed a source of much gratification. The following is the rank of the chapters:

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| 1. Iota, Pi, Alpha Beta. | 9. Eta.            |
| 2. Tau, Omega.           | 10. Delta.         |
| 3. Lambda, Beta.         | 11. Chi.           |
| 4. Alpha Gamma.          | 12. Alpha.         |
| 5. Epsilon.              | 13. Kappa.         |
| 6. Rho.                  | 14. Phi.           |
| 7. Alpha Delta.          | 15. Upsilon.       |
| 8. Psi, Mu.              | 16. Alpha Epsilon. |
| 17. Alpha Zeta.          |                    |

Those whose papers received a grade of 100 were Hattie Hodge, Lambda; Susan Moses, Iota; Camilla Quackenbush, Chi; Marguerite Campion, Alpha Beta; Pearl Cassell, Edith Gaunt, and Allmana Beebe, Beta; Maroe Sater, Alpha Gamma; Elizabeth Arneill, Rowena Moore, Helen Parker and Ida Wickson, Omega.

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Commencement will be near at hand by the time this issue of the Journal reaches many of you. It seems most



fitting at this time to say a word to our Seniors. As you go forth from these college halls where you have spent so many happy days you carry with you hosts of our good wishes. For most of you active participation in fraternity affairs is ended, but whether your interest in these things shall pass away lies largely with each one of you. Keep in touch with your active chapter through personal contact, or at least by letter. Show your loyalty and enthusiasm for Kappa Alpha Theta by subscribing for the Journal. Let us hear from you through the pages of the Journal. These substantial evidences of your interest and enthusiasm will encourage your chapter and you will ever be a constant source of strength and inspiration to its members. It is this kind of active, wide-awake interested Alumnæ that Kappa Alpha Theta wants.

## Alumnae Department

### EPSILON ALUMNAE—COLUMBUS, OHIO

Epsilon bears to you the greetings of this beautiful spring Easter-tide! Columbus is fast taking on a fresh green dress, and renewed joy and enthusiasm for Theta, comes with the quickening of all things live and real.

Our meetings have continued through the year; the first Saturday of the month finding from fifteen to eighteen girls gathered in one of the homes. At six, we have our supper, — the business meeting having preceded it.

Mrs. Martling, who was Anna Harris, of Eta, has added much to our circle this year, and we thank the kind fate which led her to make Columbus her new home.

The Convention delegate was elected at the March meeting, and the succeeding ones are to be earnestly devoted to discussions, whose best fruit she shall be bidden to bear you at Convention time. Many Thetas who attended the Beta District gathering at Evanston, will remember our delegate for 1903 — Helen Powell.

We, who tasted the joys of the never-to-be-forgotten New York assembly, are trying to revise the old adage and make believe that "retrospection is better than anticipation." Joy attend those fortunate enough to go next summer and may the splendid planning and arrangements of our Council for it result in the broadest, deepest benefits to Kappa Alpha Theta.

FLORENCE L. BELL.

### DELTA ALUMNAE—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Delta Alumnae chapter is nearing the close of another year — one of the most successful during the course of her existence. We all regret very much that only two more meetings remain, for they have been a source of great pleasure to all who have attended them.



Our Chicago chapter is especially happy in being able to number among its members Thetas from many different colleges, from Cornell, on the east, to Leland Stanford University on the west; and we feel that the opportunity we have of learning to know intimately so many lovely women is a privilege of which we cannot be too appreciative.

Discussions, pertaining to affairs in the active chapter as well as in the alumnae chapter, often take up our time, and the exchange of ideas between the members of the different chapters on these various phases of fraternity life has exerted a most broadening influence over us. Naturally, we cannot always agree, for each member has her own view, the opinions bred in her by her own chapter, to bring forward, and one can readily see, from this very fact, that any opinion, expressed by this chapter as a whole, on fraternity questions, would never be prejudiced, but would receive fair and earnest consideration from all points of view.

Our short social hour, or hour and a half, as it may be, is always brimming over, not only with good things to eat, but with as much fun and laughter. The active members of Tau chapter, who often take lunch with us, bring fresh inspiration, and fill us with renewed enthusiasm for all the active affairs of fraternity life.

Owing to some misunderstanding between the secretaries of Tau chapter and Delta Alumnae chapter, the marriage of Miss Grace Dietrich to Mr. Leon Groesbeck, which occurred the eighteenth of October, 1902, did not appear at the proper time in the personals of the Kappa Alpha Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Groesbeck are at home in Chicago—4454 Oakenwald Avenue.

Delta Alumnae chapter sends greetings to all Thetas and trusts they will enjoy a very happy summer. Those of us, who expect to attend the convention, hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of our sisters in Minneapolis.

IRENE EDNA PARKES.

## ETA ALUMNAE—BURLINGTON, VERMONT

After a few months wandering in lands where the privileges of young women are so much less than ours that it makes us thoughtful and thankful, a Theta '01 has returned to Burlington and to Eta Alumnae and the Lambda girls. Does it mean much or little that there is as truly a place for her among these friends as there is by the home fireside? Much, much she thinks, and her heart sings often, "Long live the Fraternity idea! Long live Kappa Alpha Theta!"

She has attended the business meetings of Eta, enjoyed the keen discussion of Alumnae problems and the enthusiasm over the coming convention. She has found Lambda as ever upward-striving and has seen the business-like management of the regular meetings, the restful merriment of school girls at play.

The pleasantest occasion for Eta the past month was the participation in Lambda's initiation. Eta arranged for a supper after the ceremonies. These little suppers, not formal like the banquets, are very home-like and furnish a pleasant excuse for passing time together. Most cordial greetings to all and congratulations to those who look forward to meeting in Minneapolis.

E. M. B.

## ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Just at this time of the year, the Alumnae letter has an uphill struggle to be interesting in so far as interest depends upon news. For the year's work has already been reported, and the plans for the coming year are as yet unknown save in the shadowy recesses of the minds of our newly chosen executives.

To say we have been prosperous and happy is to say at once very little and to say a great deal; for it occupies but very small space to tell that bit of good news and yet involves, if it be true, many elements and conditions best



known to those who strive to organize and perpetuate the enthusiastic and prosperous Alumnae chapter.

A most satisfactory proof of the general sincerity of active interest was our last business meeting. The attendance was full and the spirit earnest, kindly and enthusiastic. The entire afternoon was spent in considering questions to come before the convention and proposed amendments to the constitution. One of these we trust will not be made this year. That one is the amendment to discriminate in legislative privilege between Alumnae and Active chapters. Our reason is wholly impersonal and unselfish. We do not wish any especial privilege for ourselves — any balance of power, any prestige on the ground of superior wisdom — but simply the retention of Theta unity. Our interests are common — have always been — and we trust may always be. But with the first discrimination of this kind, comes the inevitable division of interests. So long as we must consider one another's advantages and points of view, the mutual interest is assured. Surely, in all matters concerning active chapters, the paramount consideration should be the active chapter's interest and preference. Theta alumnae, to be real true Thetas, must never become victims of that unamiable crustiness which possesses the unregenerate — and they must surely be far from wishing to establish gruesome laws. We have so long followed in the spirit, the principle of that great mind who said "the best Government is that which governs least," that we should be far from wishing now to change that spirit either amongst active or alumnae chapters. Our conventions should not be law making seasons, but rather times when we come together to consider one another's plans and activities and to adjust what laws we have, to new conditions and the spirit of the times, and to know one another personally, thus enriching our lives with ties of friendship and regards that shall abide. This would be the spirit of Zeta Alumnae's message to the coming convention. May our coming together be, not to devise many new rules, but

rather adjust old ones to the present needs. May the spirit vanish, that suggests discrimination, for that means inevitably division. Our interests are one. Let us keep in good faith, believing in one another, and confident of mutual good will. Let the chief cause of each chapter, active or otherwise, be always Theta's cause.



## CHAPTER LETTERS

### Alpha District

#### IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Since the last number of the Journal all Cornellians have passed through trying times. The presence of any epidemic is depressing, and that of typhoid especially so. Great numbers of students left the University temporarily. Some have gone to other institutions, and some have been carried away never to return. All of the girls, however, living exclusively in the university dormitories, seem to have been safe, a circumstance which gives us added confidence in the care expended on these dormitories. True, the anxiety of distant parents called away some of the girls, but they are rapidly returning.

The trouble now seems to be practically over; and it is hoped that in the fall there will be no reminder of this year's misfortunes unless it be absolutely pure water. In the meantime we will try, after the Easter recess, to make up for many of the usual winter's gaieties, which this year we have missed. The Senior class alone has given its "stunt." The basket ball games, however, have not been interrupted. The Senior-Junior, and Sophomore-Freshman games have already been held, and the Senior-Sophomore will soon take place. Much excitement, of course, prevails as to which class will carry off the championship.

Iota is looking forward with the greatest pleasure and anticipation to the closer touch and contact with her sister chapters to be gained in the summer convention.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

On Friday, February twenty-seventh, Lambda Chapter

held her second initiation of this college year. After the initiation service, which was held about five o'clock, the members of the active chapter were the guests of the alumnae at a supper served at the chapter rooms.

The evening was spent in singing and in enjoying our two new sisters, Mary Wheeler and Ruth Bond, who were happy in being really Thetas at last.

During the next week we were very busy for we had decided to leave the room which had been our home for about two years. We had found a room directly opposite Grassmount, the girls' dormitory, and by the next Saturday evening, we met in our new room, which we had by that time fully settled. It is very cozy and pleasant and we are enjoying it extremely, especially as it is so much nearer college than our old room.

On Saturday, March seventh, we spent a very happy afternoon as the guests of Mrs. Robinson. Each one had been requested to bring a fagot and to entertain the others, in any way she liked, while the fagot was burning. We had songs and stories, games and nonsense rhymes, and altogether a most enjoyable time.

On the following Saturday afternoon our alumnae held one of their meetings which we always enjoy so much. It was at the home of Mrs. Votey, and Dr. Hertz, who has recently come to this city, told us of some of the experiences of a woman whose chosen work is that of a physician. Her talk was very interesting and we were especially glad to meet her, for a part of her training had been at Ann Arbor, and she spoke of Thetas whom she had known there.

#### MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The Fall with its rushing and the Winter with its hard work are over, and the girls of Mu are now scattered in their various homes preparing for the Spring term, the best of all the year. We Alleghenians certainly do enjoy our campus in the spring. Yet, with all the thoughts of spring joy



and gladness, there comes to each Theta a tinge of sadness and a feeling of added responsibility, when she remembers that the class so soon to leave the college, takes with it four of the strongest Thetas. May those of us who are left be strong to hold up the standard of Kappa Alpha Theta!

Our Washington's Birthday Banquet was a complete success. To this banquet, all students and alumni of the college are invited. The college gymnasium with its artistically decorated tables, crowded with happy faces was, indeed, worth seeing. There is no event of the college year that awakens so much enthusiasm and college spirit. The toast list was especially good this year. Theta was represented by Mrs. Alice Derby, who read a poem entitled the "College Bell."

Mu was much grieved at the death in February, of Edna Mae Ogden, who was with us two years ago. She was attending school at Buckhannon, West Virginia, at the time of her death.

Our college President, Dr. Crawford, who, with his family, has been in Europe since last August, returned home March eleventh. The day was one of rejoicing for Allegheny, and in the evening a reception was given to Dr. Crawford and his family. This is the last letter to the Journal for this year. Mu sends best wishes for a happy vacation to every Theta.

BESSIE BURNHAM.

#### CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

We have discharged our social duties for a while in the shape of a party given March 25th. Just before refreshments were served, the men were given tiny dolls dressed in material similar to the party gowns worn by the different girls. It created no small fund of amusement to see men to whom all dresses appeared alike, struggling to find the person whom they were destined to take out to supper.

One of the features of college life here is the "Fake

Show," which has been given for the last three years in the Fine Arts College. Fake music, fake art exhibitions, and fake catalogues all furnish much amusement and show the originality and humorous talent of the students. This year the proceeds from this exhibition have been larger than ever.

Another dormitory, "Haven Hall" is to be ready for occupancy when college opens this fall. The three upper floors of this building will be arranged in suites to accommodate eighty students.

The faculty of the Fine Arts College have been giving a series of recitals which have filled Crouse Hall to the full seating capacity.

Another fraternity has made its appearance here. It is a musical fraternity and is known as Phi Mu Epsilon. The pin is in the shape of a harp. The Alpha chapter is at De Pauw. A reception to the upper classmen of the University was held by this fraternity April 2d.

The near approach of "moving up day" reminds us that the college year is nearly over and we are already beginning to make plans for the summer vacation. May it be full of pleasure to each and every Theta!

BERTHA U. KNAPP.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

As the spring winds blow the breath of blossoms through our windows, they find us happy and contented and light-hearted as the robins that hop on the campus. With all care and anxiety laid aside, the happiness of perfect success has been ours since the twenty-eighth day of February, when our number grew from six to eleven. We are more than proud to present to the fraternity:—Emilie Hill, Short Hills, New Jersey; Gertrude M. Adams, Camden, New Jersey; Mary S. Washburn, Sarah P. Hunt, and Caroline A. Washburn, Chappaqua, New York. A large and



enthusiastic initiation was held in Philadelphia on the 5th of March, at the home of Anna K. Wolff, '04.

The village alumnae have rejoiced even as we ourselves in our new happiness and we have spent delightful afternoons together at the homes of Hannah C. Hull and Annie Hillborn. On the evening of March 14th, Marguerite Campion, '04, entertained the active chapter and as many college men at her home, in honor of the new girls.

The active chapters of Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta were most delightfully entertained by Kappa Kappa Gamma on February 21st at the home of Miss Lucretia Blankenburg, Philadelphia.

In a gymnasium contest for the young women, held March 26th, first place was awarded to Anna K. Wolff, '04, and one of the two second places to Gertrude M. Adams, '06.

We are anticipating with much pleasure, a visit from Miss Marjory Bacon and Miss Romola Lyon, of Alpha Zeta, on April 10th.

To say farewell until next fall would seem very long, indeed, were it not for the pleasant prospect that many of us may be brought together at convention. For all Thetas, a bright and happy summer!

#### ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

So many interesting things have happened to Alpha Delta since our last letter that we are glad for another opportunity to tell about ourselves. You know we always enjoy our good fortunes more when we tell them to some one else.

This year the literary societies of the college started a precedent, that of having a contest in Parliamentary Law. There was a preliminary written examination and the three students having the best papers were allowed to enter the contest. Each one in turn presided over a meeting composed of five of the best parliamentarians in the city. This

committee, besides presenting the business, was also the judge and you may be sure that it did all that it could to confuse "Madam President." It was agreed that it was a severe test. The student who showed the greatest knowledge of the rules of Parliamentary law and who conducted the meeting with most ease and skill received a half year scholarship from the college. This scholarship was awarded to Anna Slease, one of Alpha Delta's Seniors.

Besides this good fortune we have had a visit from our district president. We enjoyed thoroughly the two days which Miss Hoffman spent with us last week. Her visit was not only a great pleasure to us but also an inspiration as it brought us into closer touch with our whole fraternity. This visit has made us doubly anxious for convention time when some of us will be fortunate enough to meet Theta sisters from all districts and to receive the many benefits which come from such a meeting.

Alpha Delta sends most sincere greeting to her sister chapters.

#### ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

There has been almost no social life for Alpha Epsilon since the annual dance on February twenty-third. We had a most delightful time, and then tried to forget it and settle down to work. Two days later we wrestled with the fraternity examination and drew a sigh of relief when it was over. The next week we began the university examinations, and as soon as those were over, we scattered to the four winds. Consequently there is very little college or fraternity news from our chapter for this Journal. There have been more meetings between the societies and fraternities at Brown for the discussion of contracts and asking days, but no conclusions have been reached.

Alpha Epsilon wishes all Thetas a happy, successful spring — for the spring is surely the happiest time of the year.

HELEN WHITMARSH.



## ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD

We, of Barnard, have to announce the realization of a huge air castle. On Thursday, the fifth of March, the Dean hastily summoned all students to the theatre, and, to our wonderment, announced that Mrs. Anderson, one of our trustees, had given the college a million dollars with which to purchase land for a campus, an athletic field, and six additional buildings. The following day an enthusiastic demonstration took place at the noon hour. With class and college banners raised high on window poles, the whole undergraduate association marched to chapel, class by class, singing college songs. Afterwards, the procession re-formed, marched through the buildings and into the court, where, after a unanimous agreement that the date be hereafter celebrated as Field Day, it disbanded.

Another incident of general interest was the Freshman entertainment to the college. "The Adventures of Lady Ursula" was followed by an elaborate and original reception. The play was a seven day's wonder to the upper class girls.

To turn to ourselves, Alpha Zeta has grown a bit since the last Journal letter. We are proud to count with us Margaret Jones, formerly of Vassar, and two Freshmen, Caroline Hall and Elizabeth Evans. Our birthday celebration and the regular mid-year initiation took place together, on Wednesday, March the eighteenth. Two of the toasts are of especial interest. In reply to an informal call, Miss Flannery of Alpha Beta, gave us a sketch of some of Alpha Beta's customs on a like occasion. Adelaide Hoffman followed with an inspiring toast to the Grand Council, giving in particular, a charming glimpse of the personality of Miss Wickson, whom most of us were fortunate in meeting at the last convention.

Towards the coming convention in Minneapolis, we are looking with great interest, first because the enthusiasm aroused by the meeting in 1901 is still with us; secondly,

because at least four Alpha Zeta girls are to be in Minneapolis this July. Three of these go officially — Romola Lyon, Alpha Zeta's representative, Aurelie Reynaud, from Gamma Alumnae, and Adelaide Hoffman, from Alpha District.

We send hearty greetings to the new Alumnae Chapters. Gamma Alumnae has been especially kind this year in welcoming us to its meetings, and thus affording us opportunity to meet our "elder sisters" socially and to take counsel from their discussion of points in general business which have perplexed us. We girls of Alpha Zeta have felt particularly this year, that this giving of support and sympathy to an active chapter is one of the most vital and beneficial functions of an alumnae chapter.

In the immediate future we are looking forward to an event of great importance in our chapter life. On the fourteenth of April, our wise, kind elder sister, Adelaide Hoffman, marries and goes to make her home in Cleveland. Unselfishly, we rejoice in her happiness, and for ourselves we are trying just now not to think how much we shall miss her.

MAY A. JOHNSON.

### **Beta District**

#### **ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY**

We are chiefly interested this term in introducing to the fraternity our two new sisters, Ruth Glass, of Rushville, Illinois and Lillian Maxwell, of LaFayette, Ind. Ethel McKinstry is again with us after an absence of almost a year, so that with the addition of these three our number is swelled to a larger chapter than we have known for some time.

We are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the next Grand Convention at which Ruth Baker is to be our delegate. We have just heard that our district presi-



dent is soon to visit us, a bit of news which, of course, was most heartily welcomed. We enjoyed meeting Miss St. Clair, the Grand Treasurer of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who visited here last week.

Mrs. Florence Young Neff, '95, Mrs. Mary Polls Ritter, '95, Mrs. Edith Coffin Allen, '96, as well as several of our last year's seniors have been with us this week. They remind us of that fast approaching climax of the college year, commencement, when we shall see so many of those whom we have learned to rely upon, go away from us, and we are brought face to face with the fact that next year upon those of us who are left, the reputation of the chapter is to depend.

Alpha will send as much of her spirit as possible to the convention and hopes that the summer rest may bring us all back hale and hearty for another year.

#### BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

When one comes to the writing of the chapter letter with that impression of events that "nothing much has been happening," it's a pretty sure indication that the most important item, work, has not been overlooked. That is what we can say for Beta. We came cheerfully through the winter exams., perhaps not so cheerfully through the short week of spring vacation, and here we are again, busy and happy in the midst of spring at Indiana. One thing, at least, we're smiling about—our fraternity examination. Of course, Beta doesn't ask sister chapters to recall our last year's grades; we merely suggest that if we seem to presume by this smile in print, it's because we're very happy indeed about something.

College opened this spring with a great increase in attendance. The brightness of our prospects, however, were quite ignored in our grief over the tragic death at Louisville, on March 28th, of one of Indiana's strongest athletes and

best-loved students, Bruce Lockridge. Mr. Lockridge was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, and the whole university mourns his death.

Three of our girls are back in school this term; Anna Weir, May Netterville and Mary Moses, '02. We wish also to introduce our new girl, Nell Frutchel, of Marion, Indiana.

It seems hardly possible that in a few weeks, some of us will be demurely gowned graduates, dignified A. B's, and then, actually "old girls." One might philosophize half regretfully over the transforming effect of the magic sheepskin,—but we will refrain. Some of us who are to become "old girls" so soon know, anyway, that there's nothing so appalling behind the name.

All of us in Beta are hoping and planning great things for next year. We know that in this hope we may smile an understanding farewell to all our sister chapters, and wish all Thetas the happiest summer of their lives.

GRACE SMITH.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Much of college and fraternity interest to us has happened within the last few months. We spent most of January in preparation for the semester examinations which were held the last week of that month. At the beginning of the second semester we were very happy when Mildred Sonntag dropped into our midst to spend the rest of the year here in school with us. Early in February we pinned colors upon three new girls, two of whom are sisters of former Thetas here. These are Isabel Jones, who is an instructor in the Art College here, whose sister Louise Jones Adsitt was a charter member of Delta chapter, and Florence Pitts, a sister of Henrietta Pitts, one of our last year's Seniors. The third is Ethel Ricker, a student in architecture, who has but recently been pledged to Tau Beta Pi,



being one of few women in the United States eligible to the honorary Engineering Fraternity. On the evening of February 21st, we held our initiation and after that we enjoyed a delicious "engagement spread" given by Phoebe Mulliken, it being the custom of Delta chapter that every girl who becomes engaged must give a spread to the chapter members. Upon Friday night, February 27th, came our second annual dancing party, which was certainly the prettiest and most charming party we have ever given. At the hall the chandeliers were hung with bunches of yellow chrysanthemums tied with black ribbon, *K A Θ* and Illinois pennants decorated the curtains, gallery and platform, while the corner for the receiving line was made cosy with couches, easy chairs, sofa cushions, rugs, flowers and plants. The black and gold was evident too, on the tables in the candelabra, daffodils and place-cards, which were cunning black cats, their tails tied with bows of yellow ribbon. Besides Ellen Smith and Henrietta Pitts, two of our seniors of last year, we were delighted to have as our guests Leone Gould of Tau, and Estelle Tooke, of Chi chapter.

#### EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter, we have not done anything especially exciting or even interesting. We have been at school every morning at seven-thirty; we know a little more about trigonometrical formulæ, Latin roots, German idioms and chemical explosions than we did last year at this time; we could tell you something of Hegel's philosophy and Huxley's automata that we couldn't last March — but you know these things for yourselves.

We have had no initiations and have given no parties, but we have had our share in all the good times given by others.

Our Seniors are becoming pale and haggard and one can easily read in their despairing countenances — "Wanted

— a Commencement Oration Subject." And they even talk in their sleep of teacher's agencies.

Theta will be well represented in the plays which are to be given by the two women's literary societies this spring — "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and "The Cricket on the Hearth."

We expect to move into our new room in Kauke Hall at the opening of the spring term. Our alumnae are generously helping us furnish it; and we shall be very proud of it. Come to see us. We so rarely see our sisters from other chapters.

We wish you all a most delightful summer and hope that all the undergraduates will be back in their places next fall and that the Seniors will not find the world so cold after all.

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

A cold, blustering wind and fast-falling snow make it hard to believe that this is my last letter to the Journal and that in little over two months we shall be scattered far and wide enjoying various summer outings.

But two months is time enough for many things to happen as witness the record of Eta since our February letter. In the first place we have had a second initiation, receiving into Theta Lucille Anna White and Bess Cantwell. The accompanying festivities were, of course, much simpler than in the fall initiation, but we had a very happy time together, first in going through our beautiful ceremony and later over our salad, sandwiches and coffee, ending up with a good *sing*. Then one night we had a fire, fortunately discovered and extinguished before any serious damage was done, but one of those might-have-beens which makes one shudder and gives one a true sense of thankfulness. In the excitement some funny things happened as when one of our number carried to a neighboring house in one armful all of



her wardrobe which it took several trips to return the next day. When we joked her about it she replied with the utmost earnestness: "Well, if you only had a few clothes and knew that if those were lost you couldn't have any more, I guess you would have done it too."

We have taken much pleasure in beautifying our house this year and kind friends have given us a number of pretty things. Our latest gift was a mahogany davenport—something we have long been sighing for in vain—from Mr. Wells, our Cora's father. It was a complete and overwhelming surprise and makes the hall one of the most attractive rooms in the house.

Last Saturday occurred a new departure in athletics at Michigan, when the women of the University held an inter-class meet in the gymnasium. Some of the events were a thirty-yard dash, hurdle race, class relay races, running high and broad jump, spring board jump, ball throwing, and exercises on the horse, stationary rings and traveling rings. The Sophomores won, distancing the Freshmen by but one point. The affair was highly successful though no doubt some points could be improved on a second attempt. No Thetas appeared in the contests, but three of them figured among the officials. Michigan has a good showing in the Varsity meets so far, having won from Illinois and from Cornell.

Our last bit of news is of a new pledge, Mabel Garver, a friend of Zella Fay's and a charming girl.

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The first of April finds Kappa's girls scattered all over the state, spending their spring vacation at home or with friends. The chapter house seems deserted enough with only two girls who stayed in Lawrence for work.

Several events of a great deal of interest to K. U. students take place toward the latter part of our school year.

The first of these is the Junior Prom to be given on April 15th. This is the greatest society event of the year, and for weeks the Juniors have been busy with preparations, practicing for the farce, learning class songs and working on decorations.

The first of May is another interesting time for University students, for it is then that the May-pole "scrap" between Freshmen and Sophomores is held. A tarred iron pole bearing Freshmen colors is erected on the campus the night before. The Sophomores then try to replace these Freshmen colors by their own, the fight lasting till ten o'clock the next morning, when the great whistle of Fowler Shops warns all fighters that the scrap is over and they file into Chapel a rather haggard and dirty looking lot of boys.

Toward the last of May the Seniors always present a play. This has usually been an original production written by members of the class, but this year they have decided to depart from custom and give "As You Like It," instead, leaving their original play to be given on the Campus on Class Day.

We are all rejoicing over the liberal appropriation of our State Legislature for a new Law Building, and are hoping that in a year or two a gymnasium will also be added to our Campus.

The Phi Beta Kappa election was held last month and we were very proud to have two chosen from among our number, Helen Williams, of Kansas City, Mo., and Isabelle Hazen, of Lawrence. For several years Kappa has had at least one representative among the newly elected members of this fraternity.

Two weeks ago we held an initiation for Marianne Brooke, of Kansas City, Mo. An informal Katsup followed the initiation, the chief diversion of which was a contest in composing poetry. This afforded a great deal of amusement for some of the productions were very clever. We were delighted to have with us Mrs. John Pattison, a



member of Ohio Gamma Chapter.

Two of our girls graduate from the Music School this year, and will both give recitals, Inez Cross on the piano and Madge Boaz on the pipe organ. We have already begun to discuss plans for the farewell party to our Seniors. It is hard to realize that another school year is so nearly over. For Kappa it has been a very successful, harmonious year.

#### PI—ALBION COLLEGE

We have just returned to Albion after a week's vacation, with our even more than usual amount of enthusiasm to make this term the best one we have ever known. The winter term was spent mostly in hard study, though the Thetas did give one informal party February 13th at their lodge. The interior of the house was decorated profusely with pink hearts and Cupids, while the entrance to the alcove was made through a large heart which extended from the ceiling to the floor. Every man was given a pink cardboard heart and by means of candy mottoed hearts he secured a partner to whom he must write a valentine. These valentines were collected and read. A prize was given for the best one. Much amusement was created by the proposing which followed. The heart scheme was carried out in the refreshments, pink ice and heart-shaped wafers being served.

We are to have our banquet sometime in May, and we hope to have some of our alumnae with us. Miss Ronie White, who is teaching music at West Branch, will not return to us as we had hoped she would this Spring, but we are looking forward to a visit from our district president, and also from Miss Elizabeth Cole, Pi '02, who has been studying this year in Berlin.

We are planning to entertain some of the town and faculty ladies who have been so kind to us during the year

and also to have our dinner at the lodge every Saturday evening. We get to know one another so much better when we have a cozy evening like that just among ourselves, in our own house, and there we have such happy times singing the new Theta songs together, yet sometimes we feel sad for two of our girls graduate this year and we know that when we return next fall and see their places empty, we shall miss them even more than we think now.

Since our last letter two of Albion's seniors, both young men, have gone as missionaries to Korea, in answer to a call from Bishop Moore. On Sunday February 15th the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. held a farewell Union Missionary meeting for them in the chapel. Each was presented with a gold watch and chain as a gift from the student body and Faculty.

We are all glad to announce that Albion was the place chosen at the Michigan Inter-collegiate Athletic Association meeting for the Field Day meet June 5th and 6th. The base ball schedule is the best that an Albion team has ever had. The first game is April 16th and will be played with the University of Michigan on our home ground, the Winter Lau Athletic Field. There will be nine inter-collegiate games on the home grounds, three of which will be played against university teams. There will be only seven inter-collegiate games away from home, thus showing that Albion is to be greatly favored this year.

We are to have also three hard debates, one with Lawrence University, one with the University of Upper Iowa and one with De Pauw.

#### RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

"Early March seems middle May,  
And Spring is coming round this way."

It is simply tantalizing and well nigh impossible to study this weather. Nebraska is famed for her springs and the University students are by no means unappreciative. Peo-



ple stroll into class at the last minute and for an hour pray for the bell to ring. But spring fever is no respecter of persons, we all succumb to it, sooner or later. Is there anything worse than listening to a learned lecture on the customs of the Hindoos when the boys out on the base ball field are shouting themselves hoarse?

But coming down to facts, we held our annual banquet at the Lincoln, following the initiation of Zora Shields. We enjoyed every bit of it, from the first glimpse of the flower covered tables to the toast that we all drank together at the close, "Vive la *K A Θ.*"

Elizabeth Jeeters has been wearing the pledge pin for over a week. She is a real Theta girl and that is our highest compliment.

That fatal Scylla and Charybdis, the fraternity examination, haunts us no longer. Like the famous baby we are now wiser but alas, sadder. The hours we spent over the constitution, and the terrible duties of the Grand Council that we could have said backwards, only to find that constitution questions were not asked!

An innovation is being tried this spring. Every other Saturday evening informal dances are held in the Armory for the benefit of the University band. The traveling rings and the rest of the "gym" apparatus seem to approve of the merry scene as much as we do.

Chi Omega has lately entered the Greek Letter world at Lincoln. Several of the women's fraternities have entertained in its honor. We are all glad to welcome the new comer and wish it every success.

NELLORE WILSON.

#### TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

With the first warm days, comes an inevitable sign of spring—*rushing*. And this year, it comes with an enthusiasm that is good to see. We are determined to lead, and

that is the spirit that usually wins. The Boat Club is gay again, with the fraternity and sorority parties that fill it every week, and the lake seemed never so enjoyable as it does from the gallery of the club, where the "sitters out" may enjoy the music within, and the lake without.

We enjoyed seeing Miss Kenny, from Minneapolis. She was here a day or two on her way to Europe, but she was able to tell us many interesting things about our sister-chapter, at the University of Minnesota; and she left, after capturing a number of hearts from Tau. All roads seem to lead to Minneapolis now—for a number of the girls are planning to attend the convention in the summer, and are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable experience.

HELEN RUTH BALMER.

#### UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Just now Upsilon is sorely envious of the people who are favored with spring vacations. We, at Minnesota, have not had a pause since the Christmas vacation, except for the birthdays in February, and even then Washington was careless enough to have his on Sunday this year.

There have been a few stolen vacations nevertheless. The University Band, the Glee and Mandolin Club, both the "Varsity" and Girls' Basket Ball teams, and the Dramatic club have been on trips of various lengths during the winter and early spring.

We hope you will all like our city when you see it at Convention time this summer. We are anxious to see many besides the regular delegates. The other sororities have shown much kindly interest and several have offered to help us in any way they can.

R. E. L., '04.

#### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The months since our last chapter letter have been rather uneventful ones. The usual allotment of exams and



quizzes which usually precede the spring vacation has been visited upon us and now everyone, more or less touched with the spring fever, is looking forward to the vacation.

The annual election to Phi Beta Kappa took place last week and we are proud of the fact that Edna Zinn, one of our girls, was one of the seven Juniors to be honored. Professor Hadley of Yale, delivered the address at the initiation of the candidates. Classes and lectures were suspended Friday to give the students an opportunity of hearing Theodore Roosevelt's speech to the Legislature. Owing to the limited amount of time which he had to spend in Madison, he was unable to visit the University, but his speech in the Legislature was for the students and to an audience composed almost entirely of students.

The University School of Music very successfully rendered the "Elijah" last Thursday evening. The chorus parts were taken by university students in the School of Music, and the solo parts were filled by artists from Chicago. The Haresfoot and Red Domino clubs have both given successful plays during the past month.

The last of the series of girls' basket ball games between the class teams was held yesterday afternoon. In the final contest between the Sophomore and Junior teams, the Juniors came out victorious and are now the recognized champions of the University. The games have been most enjoyable and have furnished ample opportunity for a healthy display of class spirit among the girls. Psi sends greetings to every chapter.

#### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"A gush of bird song, a patter of dew,  
A cloud, and a rainbow's warning,  
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue —,  
An April day in the morning."

Who could help being happy on such days as these?

Are you all enjoying spring sunshine as Alpha Gamma is? We hope so. Our campus is just beginning to bud and blossom and we are counting the days till it will be in full summer attire, the prettiest spot in our city and at once an inspiration to work and an invitation to play. Such a conflict of incentives is often most tantalizing but just now we're not worrying over that as we really feel free to play. The spring examinations are just over and we are allowed a little respite as a reward for the winter labors. The fraternity examination is over too and the results which we awaited so breathlessly help us to enjoy vacation while the grades of our six new girls make us even more certain than ever that they were genuine Theta material and that Alpha Gamma's future will be safe and happy in their hands.

We have been discussing in chapter meeting the constitutional amendments proposed for the coming convention which is our chief interest at present. We hope several of our chapter will be able to go and have the splendid privilege of spending those few happy days with so many Thetas, meeting old friends and making new ones and working earnestly with them for the welfare and improvement of the fraternity.

We are planning already for the celebration of our chapter's birthday, May twenty-fourth. We have a banquet annually on this day and usually have with us a number of Alumnae girls from out of town, and of course, all who are here. Alpha Gamma's total chapter roll for the eleven years of existence now numbers sixty. As most of this number are in Columbus or near here, we hope to have almost that many together on May twenty-fourth to pledge the health of Alpha Gamma, our dearest wish always being that the strength she is gaining year by year will enable her, as one link in Theta's chain to be an added strength to the whole and that the harvest of any good seeds we as Alpha Gamma have been able to sow, may be reaped by Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARY MACMILLEN LOREN.



## Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

No Letter.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

April finds Omega, unusually busy, gathering up the threads of the year's work in preparation for the "exes." You see our college year comes to an end sooner than that of the eastern colleges. We shall all be at home by the middle of May. Our commencement will be especially interesting this year, as President Roosevelt will be with us.

Mrs. Hearst has given us so many delightful entertainments this year, that the students hardly know how to thank her. Each class has had two concerts and also an afternoon reception. These receptions are not of that formal sort, where one comes and goes in a moment. Instead of that, we come and spend the afternoon in dancing and becoming acquainted with one another.

A number of college plays have been given this year. Of these the most interesting, at least from a historical point of view, was the "Knight of the Burning Pestle," given by the English club of Stanford University. This old comedy of Beaumont and Fletcher was given in a most realistic way. It came as near to the Elizabethan times in staging and rendering as possible. Besides this, "The Great Unknown" was given on Charter Day, and in a few weeks the "Skull and Key" play will be given.

The University Assembly, the nicest dance of the year, will be given immediately after Lent.

As usual we have saved the best piece of news till the end of the letter. We have a new "pledgling," Kelsey Patterson. She will not be initiated until next year.

## PERSONALS

Miss Frances Gibson Pi, '02, who is teaching at Clare, Michigan, spent her vacation in Albion.

A little daughter was born March 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender, of Caro, Mich. Mrs. Bender was a former student of Albion and a member of Pi chapter.

Miss Florence Castor, Pi '98, is teaching in the Chelsea, Michigan schools.

Kappa chapter has enjoyed visits lately from two of her alumnae, Miss Jane Thomas, of Emporia, Kansas, and Mrs. A. L. Burney, of Harrisonville, Mo.

Miss Anna Rankin, of Kappa, has just returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been making an extended visit.

Mrs. Gere, an alumna of Rho, is visiting her parents in Lincoln, after a three years' absence in Honolulu.

Ruth Bogardus, Epsilon '02, has entered Streeter's Hospital, Chicago, where she will take a trained nurse's course.

Mrs. Hopkins, nee Charlotte Wilhelm, Epsilon, '00, of Trenton, Mo., has been visiting her parents and friends in Wooster.

Mrs. Bertha Brown Myers, Epsilon, '91, has removed from Wooster to make her home in Washington, D. C.

Bess Davidson, Epsilon, ex-'00, has returned to Columbus, O., where she will finish her course as trained nurse in Grant Hospital.

The engagement of Phoeb Mulliken, Delta, to Mr. Ellsworth P. Storey, Delta Tau Delta, has been announced.

During February Delta chapter enjoyed visits from Louise Jones Adsitt, Ellen G. Smith, Henrietta Pitts, Leone Gould and Estelle Tookey.

News comes from Manila, announcing the first Indiana baby in the Philippines, born on January 3d. Little Richard



Bert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley O. McGooney. Mrs. McGooney will be remembered as Laura Woodburn, Beta, '01. Mr. McGooney is also an Indiana graduate, '01, and is a member of Sigma Chi.

Florence Myrick, Beta, '99, was married on February 25th, at her home in Richmond, Ind., to Mr. Thomas Ahl, Sigma Chi, '99. Mr. and Mrs. Ahl will live at Mokena, Illinois.

Minta Allen, Alpha, '95, and Clarence Royse, Beta Theta Pi, '95, were married in Greencastle, March the 25th. They are to live in Terre Haute, Ind.

The engagement of Mary Towne, Alpha, '98, to Will Lockwood, Phi Kappa Psi, '98, is announced, the wedding to take place in July. They will leave in September for China, where Mr. Lockwood will engage in Y. M. C. A. work.

On February twenty-third there were two engagements announced in Alpha Epsilon — Ruth Appleton, 1901, to George Albert Goulding, Alpha Tau Omega, '99, who is at Harvard, taking his doctor's degree. On the same day, Helen Whitmarsh, 1903, announced her engagement to Jerry Dearborn Drew, Phi Delta Theta, of New York City.

Mary Porter Boss, '02, has been visiting Alice Bennett, '02 and Florence Walther, '04, at their homes in Baltimore.

The marriage of Edith Lamb, Alpha Beta, '98, and Howard Cooper Johnson, '96, Delta Upsilon, took place on Thursday, April 16th, at the home of the bride, Govanstown, Maryland.

President and Mrs. Joseph Swain are expected to return to Swarthmore from their trip abroad, about the middle of April.

Epsilon Alumnae welcomed in March, three Theta babies, all the happy possessions of old Alpha Gamma girls. A son came to the home of Esther Stafford Taylor, '97; a daughter was born to Helen Patterson Alsdorf, '98, and a son to Tella Axline De Witt, '98.

Josephine Barnaby, '95, and Grace Vance, '98, now teaching in Cleveland, visited us during the spring recess.

They are enthusiastic over Mu Alumnae Chapter.

Helen Powell recently enjoyed a little visit with Ruth Ray of Delta Alumnae and enjoyed meeting the girls of Tau and Delta at the monthly meeting at Marshall Field's.



## EXCHANGES

Isn't it strange  
How little we know  
The people we meet in this world below?  
How we pass our friends from day to day,  
And with only a nod we go our way,  
When there's so much more we each might say,  
Isn't it strange?

Isn't it strange  
How little we show  
What we really feel in this world below?  
How we hide, or pass with a merry jest  
The feelings that are true and best:  
How much we leave by a clasp of the hand  
Or a look, our friends, as best they can,  
To find what we mean, and to understand,  
Isn't it strange?

—*Eleusis of Chi Omega.*

Nowadays almost every college has its flag or pennant. It would be a pleasant thing if our chapters exchanged with each other the pennants of their respective institutions, each forming a collection. Effective hall decorations could be made of such material.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

By a vote of council and chapters, convention is postponed from 1903 to 1904, and will meet at St. Louis sometime during the summer of the latter year. While there are disadvantages in allowing so long a period to elapse between conventions, the advantages of a meeting at St. Louis more than counterbalanced them and there is every prospect that for attendance of both active and alumnae, for enthusiasm and for the amount of work done, the 1904

convention will far surpass that of any previous year—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*.

There should be more alumni chapters established. Their organization may be of the slimmest character and their meeting infrequent, irregular and informal, but the mere fact that there is such an organization creates a solidarity of local sentiment which is valuable, and forms a beginning of better things. It affords opportunities to make desirable acquaintances, to extend business and professional relationship, and to benefit the fraternity and the brothers in many ways. Don't be afraid. Start a chapter if you have only five men. Then see to it that the next five desirable boys who go to college from your locality become Betas, and there will be more of you then.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

#### Endowment Fund of Sigma Chi—

A SKETCH OF ITS ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT.

BY RALPH F. POTTER, ALPHA IOTA, 1890.

It is now five years since Past Grand Consul Joseph C. Nate, then Grand Quaestor, announced to the Fraternity in the *Bulletin* that his plan for the Fraternity Endowment Fund was fairly on the way to completion. This announcement was made after many months of work and planning, and in December of the same year the Grand Quaestor received the set of endowment notes, which he numbered 500, and which marked the goal which he had set for himself and for the Fraternity in that particular effort for endowment. The first of these notes came due in January, 1899, and the last of the series matured in January, 1903, which makes this seem a particularly opportune time for a general review of the condition and prospects of the undertaking.

The growth of this particular branch of Sigma Chi activity has been traced frequently, but for the benefit of



those who have become members of the Fraternity within the last few years and who may not be familiar with the entire history of the matter, it is proposed to point out as briefly as possible the various steps which led up to our present plan for the accumulation of a fund to be used for chapter house building.

When Past Grand Consul Nate took charge of the finances of the Fraternity in 1890, he undertook the solution of a very large problem in the shape of a debt incurred largely in printing the Catalogue of 1890, amounting to about \$2,500. By efforts, the magnitude of which cannot be realized in this day of increased revenue, awakened alumni enthusiasm, and prompt payment of chapter dues, the Grand Quaestor paid this debt in full, and when the Cincinnati Grand Chapter met in July, 1895, he had in the treasury a catalogue sinking fund amounting to \$848.26. The Cincinnati Grand Chapter reduced the amount to be applied to the catalogue sinking fund from regular chapter dues, appropriated one-half of the amount in the fund at that time to start a new fund to be known as the Chapter House Sinking Fund, and provided for its increase by setting aside for that purpose ten per cent. of regular chapter dues, and one-half of the initiation fee, which at that time amounted to two dollars for each initiate. In July, 1896, the committee for constitutional revision met at Put-in-Bay, and included in its recommendations the establishment of an Endowment Fund, into which should be turned all of the initiation fee, which was increased to \$2.50. This constitution, which was adopted at Nashville, provided for the Endowment Fund, for its administration practically as now in force, and for the incorporation of the Fraternity.

Early in the evolution of the chapter house and endowment plan, it had become evident to Brother Nate and other alumni of the Fraternity that in order to effect anything like adequate results, it would be necessary to secure the coöperation and active assistance of the alumni, as well as of the active men. To this end, in the summer of 1897, Grand

Quaestor Nate proposed to fifty alumni of the Fraternity his plan for alumni endowment. In brief this provided that five hundred alumni should give five promissory notes for \$5.00 each, payable in one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, without interest, the proceeds of the notes to form the nucleus of a fund to be used exclusively for the purpose of assisting the various chapters in the purchase of chapter houses. By giving practically his entire time to the work for a year, Brother Nate pushed this plan to completion, and in December, 1898, as stated above, he received notes and pledges from five hundred Sigma Chi alumni.

In order to perpetuate and increase this fund and at the same time provide more liberally for general Fraternity enterprises, the Nashville Grand Chapter, in 1897, authorized the Triumvirs to appoint a committee to determine upon some plan for the collection of permanent alumni dues. In January, 1898, the Triumvirs appointed as such committee, M. H. Gerry, Jr., Alpha Sigma, '90, and E. Dick Slaughter, Alpha Nu, '95. As a result of the recommendations of this committee and of the Grand Quaestor, the Philadelphia Grand Chapter, in August, 1899, embodied in the constitution of the Fraternity a plan for alumni notes, which provided that thirty days before permanently severing his active connection with his chapter, each member of the Fraternity should make out and deliver to the chapter quaestor two notes for \$5.00 each, payable the first and second Januarys respectively thereafter. The proceeds of these notes were to be applied, one-half to endowment and one-half as might be provided by statute. The statute at present provides that one-half of the amount received from this source shall be applied to the support of *The Sigma Chi Quarterly* and *Bulletin*. Each alumni note-signer receives these publications without further charge for two years after the maturity of his notes. This plan failed to work out well in practice, for the reason that the time fixed for making the notes was not sufficiently definite, and in the confusion attendant



upon the last few weeks of the school year the matter was easily neglected. During the two years that this provision was in force there were sent to the Grand Quaestor 141 sets of alumni notes. In pursuance of the recommendations of the writer, the Buffalo Grand Chapter, in July, 1901, amended the constitutional requirement so as to provide that every active member of the Fraternity at the beginning of the college year next succeeding, should sign and transmit to the Grand Quaestor, through his chapter quaestor, two notes for \$5.00 each, payable the first and second Januarys, respectively, succeeding the date on which he should permanently sever his active connection with his chapter, and that every man initiated into the Fraternity thereafter should sign two such notes at the time of his initiation. The members of the Fraternity have rallied nobly to the support of the Grand Quaestor in carrying out these provisions, and from the 705 active members reported to him for the school year of 1901 and 1902 there have been received 668 sets of alumni notes. The showing will be even more satisfactory by the end of the current scholastic year. At the date of this writing, February 14th, there have been received from the initiates of the current year 127 sets of alumni notes.

In considering the present condition of the Endowment Fund, as to cash and unpaid notes on hand, allowance should be made for the death of many note-signers, whose notes have in some instances been paid, but in many others cancelled without any request for payment. Some signers did not send in full sets, and a few, upon whom Grand Quaestor Nate confidently counted, failed to sign any. Of the original endowment notes 1,043 have been paid, 868 are on hand, due and unpaid, and 39 unpaid are not yet due. Of the old series of alumni notes 140 have been paid, leaving on hand 138 unpaid.

The assets to the credit of the Endowment Fund are as follows:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 3,963 51
Loans to active chapters.....	5,800 00

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Cash and loans.....	9,763 51
Endowment notes, face value.....	4,535 00
Old plan alumni notes, face value...	345 00
New plan alumni notes, face value...	3,900 00

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Total ..... \$18,543 51

Many of these alumni notes, of course, will not be due until some time in the future, and it would be too much to expect that all of the past due notes on hand will be paid eventually; but making every allowance for misfortune and death, it seems clear that the expectation of the originator and builder of Sigma Chi's endowment system, of \$25,000 for endowment, is not far short of realization.

The average number of men initiated into the Fraternity each year, as shown by the Quaestor's reports during the past four years, has been 288. Placing this number at 280 for purposes of calculation, the endowment fund will increase from initiation fees at the rate of \$700 per year. Assuming that as many discontinue their active membership each year as are initiated, the number of alumni notes falling due each year should be 560. One-half of the proceeds of these notes being applied to the Endowment Fund, they should yield \$1,400 per year. At the present rate of growth of the Fraternity, therefore, the Endowment Fund will be increased each year by initiation fees paid in cash, and by the falling due of alumni notes, \$2,100.

In addition to the stimulus and encouragement which the mere existence of such a fund has given to Sigma Chi chapter house building throughout the country, the Endowment Fund has assisted three chapters to the ownership of chapter homes. The first loan of \$900, to Alpha Phi, was made in 1899, and was the means of enabling the chapter at Cornell to retain possession of a building lot which had been secured by its members some time before, but which was en-



cumbered by a mortgage. Subsequent loans increased this amount to a sum which, though small in comparison with the total value of the magnificent chapter house, now owned and occupied by Cornell chapter, accomplished the design for which the Endowment Fund was established, namely, to assist the building enterprise at the time when it most needed help, and to furnish a foundation of credit upon which to commence actual building operations. The Cornell property, estimated to be worth \$40,000, is by far the most magnificent building occupied by any chapter of the Fraternity and has few rivals among fraternity houses in the country. The Theta Theta loan served a similar purpose for the Ann Arbor chapter, and formed the entering wedge by means of which Sigma Chi, at Michigan, now holds and occupies its own residence. The Alpha Omega loan, though less in amount than either of the others, enabled the Leland Stanford chapter to complete their less pretentious, but serviceable and creditable lodge.

All of these building enterprises have been carried to completion along similar lines. In each case a local corporation has been organized by prominent alumni, who, by much labor, self-sacrifice, and large financial assistance, have carried the building plans to success. The corporation in each case holds the title to the property and gives a mortgage to the Fraternity to secure the loan, paying to the Fraternity four per cent. upon the amount borrowed. This interest money is at present applied by statute to chapter visitation by grand officers.

In the practical administration of the Endowment Fund many difficulties have been, of course, encountered. Our present constitution, as revised at Philadelphia, provides that all property of the individual chapters shall be held by them in trust for the Grand Council of the Sigma Chi Fraternity as a body corporate. In each of the three states where loans have been made it has been found, on consulting competent legal advice, that local laws prevented a corporation, organized in the state where the loan was made,

from holding real estate in trust for a corporation organized in another state. In each case, therefore, the Grand Council required only a straight note and mortgage, payable to the Grand Council of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, the title to the property remaining in the local corporation. It is hoped that the framers of the constitution, with other legal experts of the Fraternity, will give this matter serious consideration and let us have the benefit of their presence and advice at Detroit, that some wise modification of this provision of the constitution may be adopted.

It must, of course, always be borne in mind, both by those to whom the management of this fund is entrusted, and by the local chapters which receive its benefits, that they have to do strictly with a business proposition. The Fraternity can be content with a less margin of material security than would satisfy an outsider loaning his money for gain, because fraternity loyalty and pride are a better guarantee for many purposes than real estate. The same safeguards against misfortune and mistakes are necessary for us, however, as would be required by the outside man of business. Interest is required to be paid at a minimum rate that the borrowing chapter may feel that it is giving something in return for what it receives, that there may be some incentive aside from mere sentiment to repay the loan as promptly as possible, and that the Fraternity enterprises may be assisted by the income. In the evolution of our financial system the time will doubtless come when all interest will be turned back into the fund.

This article is intended to be a plain recital of facts. These facts, however, form a record of substantial Fraternity loyalty which must arouse the pride and enthusiasm of every Sigma Chi. Let our pride be of the sort which looks forward to larger success, and our enthusiasm the kind that strenuously assists in its accomplishment. Our Endowment Fund motto is, "Every chapter in its own home." It is the privilege as well as the duty of every Sigma Chi, active and alumni, to assist in transforming



the significance of that motto from purpose to achievement.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly for March.*

**The American College Fraternity—An Estimate—**

(From an article by Dr. Charles F. Thwing, President of Western Reserve University, in the *Century Magazine*.)

More important than all clubs of all kinds put together in the American College is the organization known as the Fraternity. \* \* \*

The Fraternity in the American College, founded on this basis of good-fellowship, is of the highest worth in promoting friendships. In college, as out, friendship is the best thing to be given or received. Men living in the close fellowship of the Fraternity are frequently friends before they go into this fellowship, and the fellowship deepens the friendship, out of which the Fraternity itself grows. It is probable that the students in college form more friendships in the four years than they have formed before entering College or than they will form after leaving College. And these friendships, too, are of the most intimate sort. Men in College get much closer to one another than those living in any other condition.

The intimacy of relationships prevailing in the Fraternity is of special worth in forming a just and strong character. Personality is more important than the curriculum; and the personality manifest in the Fraternity house is quite as important as the personality manifest in the classroom. Through this method of intimate relationships all the elements that make up a rich and fine character may become richer and finer. Faults are corrected; manners are cultivated; tastes are improved; the influence of the wiser over the less wise is strong; the young lend themselves with ease to the guidance of the older; and the older behave in gracious helpfulness toward the less mature. All the elements that make up manhood may be enlarged through the life of the Fraternity.

The relationship which the Fraternity holds to the graduates of the College is of great importance. For the graduate finds that the College generation is pretty short, and often after a year, or at the most two years' absence, on returning he finds few men whom he knew or who knew him while he was still an undergraduate. But he does find in his Fraternity house a hearty welcome, and from the men at present students he receives the most cordial greeting. The ties of the Fraternity are far stronger and attach him more closely than the ordinary College relationship. The Fraternity serves to keep him in touch with the College more than the College serves to keep him in touch with the Fraternity.

It is also to be said that the Fraternity becomes of great aid to the Faculty and Trustees in promoting the good order of the college. President Seelye, of Amherst, relied much on the help of Fraternities in his administration. In his annual report to the trustees (1887) he says:\*

"Besides other helps toward the good work of the College, important service is rendered by the societies and society houses. No one now familiar with the College doubts, so far as I know, the good secured through the Greek-letter societies as found among us. They are certainly well managed. Their houses are well kept, and furnish pleasant and not expensive homes to the students occupying them. The rivalry among them is wholesome, kept, as it certainly seems to be, within limits. The tone of the College is such that loose ways in a society or its members will be a reproach, and College sentiment, so long as it is reputable itself, will keep them reputable."

The closeness of the relation which should exist between the government of a College and the Fraternity system is well indicated in a paragraph which I take from the best book upon American College Fraternities:†

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\* W. S. Tyler, *A History of Amherst College* p. 264

† Baird, *The American College Fraternities* p. 418



"The wiser of the College Faculties are using and not abusing the Fraternities. They find that the Chapters are only too glad to assist in maintaining order, in enlisting support for the College, in securing endowments, and, in fact, in doing anything to increase the prosperity of the institutions upon which their own existence depends. When such officers or professors have occasion to discipline a member of one of the Fraternities, they speak to his Chapter mates quietly, and suggest that he is not doing himself credit, or is reflecting discredit upon the good name of the Chapter. It is surprising how soon boys can influence each other, and how students can force reason into the mind of an angry boy where Faculty admonition would only result in opposition and estrangement. The members of a good Chapter all try to excel, many for the sake of their Chapter where they would not for their own. Each member feels that upon him has fallen no little burden of responsibility to keep the Chapter up to a standard set, perhaps, by men since grown famous. College Faculties sometimes see what a force they have here at hand, and what a salutary discipline the Fraternities can exercise."

The Fraternity also represents an important tie uniting the Colleges of our country to one another. The ties which join together the Chapters of the same Fraternity in the different Colleges are far stronger than the ties which unite the Colleges themselves. The Colleges themselves are prone to be, although now less prone than formerly, in the relationship of antagonistic units. Chapters of Fraternities are in the relation of coöperative and unifying elements. They also serve to draw together the members themselves into personal relationship. In this way they serve, though in a far less intimate extent, the purposes which the great organizations, such as the Masons or the Odd Fellows represent.

So important a place is the Fraternity coming to occupy that it has been suggested they may in time represent a method of organization and life not unlike that which the

Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge play in the life of their respective Universities. That time is certainly far off, but the tendency is very strong for the social life of the Colleges to segregate and to divide itself into fraternal organizations. Already College tutors are living in Fraternity houses, and libraries for the special use of the members are formed. What is this but a significant beginning of the English Collegiate-University system?

With all these advantages, it is not to be denied that disadvantages are to be found. These disadvantages lie in one general fault in promoting a loyalty to only a part of the College interests, and in lessening the loyalty to all those elements that go to constitute the College. Often the Fraternity must, because it is a segregating agency, become almost a dividing one. \* \* \*

The Fraternity, as an agent of social life and of recreation and amusement, helps to make the contrast between the life of the modern College student and the life of the University student of the middle ages significant. The life of the ideal student of the middle ages was a life of few comforts. It was essentially a monastic life. Amusements were largely prohibited in the feudal society of the middle ages. The military class predominated, and tournaments, hunting, and hawking were the popular sports. Such amusements were not adapted to University conditions. The chief amusement of the student of the middle ages seems to have been in the frequent interruption of his work through the holidays of the church or through festivals of patrons who had some relation to the College of which he was a member. The ideal student led a monastic life, but it is pretty certain that the student who was not ideal, but who was inclined to be dissolute, found that the ascetic life provoked wildest indulgences whenever occasion offered. Lawlessness and ruffianism of the severest sort not infrequently prevailed. The maddest pranks of the College student of this century in the United States are very pale and simple compared with some of the ordinary behaviors



which are told in the annals of the University of Paris.

A word should be said in reference to the oldest and most distinguished of all Fraternities, which still holds a unique place in the annals and life of the American College. The Phi Beta Kappa was the first society bearing the symbolic Greek letters. It was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. Its origin is more or less in doubt, but through more than a hundred years it has held a distinguished and honorable place among College organizations and in College life. It is now coming to stand essentially as an association of scholars. The best scholars of each Junior and Senior Class in a College in which a Chapter is organized usually constitute its members. It stands more distinctly as an association of men who as undergraduates have manifested scholarly ability than any other institution in the life of the century.

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For some years many of our members most intimately acquainted with the work of the fraternity have felt that the influence of the Quarterly was not sufficiently far reaching. Various causes were ascribed and various methods suggested to remedy the defect. After a careful study of the whole field, it has been decided that centralized responsibility and personal work are the logical methods for making the Quarterly truly our national organ. At the last Convention it was decided that responsibility should be centralized in one executive officer, known as the Editor-in-Chief, who should direct all the work of the publication. With her should be associated a company of Advisory Editors, each representing a geographical district of the fraternity. These editors are to assume the work of collecting such data as the Editor-in-Chief directs, from the alumni residing in their districts; they are to send the regular alumnae letter, to solicit subscriptions, to secure personals and special articles, thus by direct personal contact to keep the constituency and the Editor-in-Chief in close touch with each other. We are pleased to announce that the following

well-known members of Alpha Phi have consented to do this work: For Boston Alumnae—by this we mean all alumnae of all chapters residing in and near Boston—Elizabeth C. Northrup, Eta, '94; for Baltimore, Lulie P. Hooper, Zeta, '96; for New York City, Jennie Thorburn Sanford, Alpha, '87; for Chicago, Minnie Ruth Terry, Beta, '91; for Minneapolis, Mary F. Sanford, Epsilon, '02; for California, Agnes Morley Cleaveland, Kappa, '99. Each of these has assistants whom she chooses, who reside in different localities of her district, and who will keep her in touch with isolated Alpha Phis who are not identified with any alumnae organization. Each one has more than one chapter with which to work, and thus she broadens her own view while she carries the work of the fraternity between them and the Quarterly.

Each Active Chapter is represented by a correspondent, who has full charge of all matters, business and literary, connected with the Quarterly; she holds her office for two years, thus giving her time to grow into an intelligent comprehension of the work, and she gives place to another one year before her graduation, so that she still remains in the Chapter to instruct her successor. With this new plan fairly inaugurated, we may hope for a time when no Alpha Phi will be without the Quarterly, and when its pages will be full of the expression of a general loyalty and devotion to the upbuilding of the sisterhood.—*The Alpha Phi Quarterly*.





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